



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Grayling taxpayers due break on income taxes

by Staff Writer

Grayling city taxpayers will find something extra in their paychecks in 1998 — a break on their city income taxes.

In fact, most taxpayers will receive an extra bonus, too — a refund of taxes overpaid in 1997.

Last spring, Grayling City Council adopted amendments to the city income tax ordinances raising the personal exemption from \$600 to \$1,500, and made the change retroactive for the entire 1997 tax year.

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However, employers were not required to change withholding patterns for 1997 because the higher exemption came part way through a tax year, according to recently departed city tax administrator Verna M. Meharg.

One result of the changes is that city tax withheld by employers from the paychecks will be slightly less in 1998, meaning wage earners will have a little more money in their pocket each payday.

Meharg helped set up the refund and exemption change before her resignation as city treasurer, which took effect Dec. 5.

Employers were advised in a Nov. 18 letter from Meharg "to

change your payroll data to reflect the above change for your first payroll in 1998."

Tax rates remain the same — one percent for Grayling city residents, and a half-percent for non-residents who are paid work in Grayling.

The city income tax went into effect in 1972 after voters approved it in an election. Proceeds are earmarked, and have been used for streets and sidewalks. The city income tax has produced about \$300,000 a year, according to Meharg.

Although higher exemptions will lower the city's overall tax yield, Meharg and other city officials did not offer any figures. In the overall, she said, it "will not have much of an impact" on city revenues.

Total city budget is in the neighborhood of \$2 million a year, she said, with city property taxes producing the largest portion, and state and federal aid most of the rest.

She said the thinking behind the higher income tax exemption is that the original purpose of the city income tax — building streets — has been pretty well accomplished.

Instead of eliminating the tax, the city still needs money for maintenance, she said.

In its Nov. 24 meeting, the council informally decided to continue its sidewalk expansion and fix-up program. The city has been spending about \$250,000 a year on sidewalks, and next year's program is expected to be at about that level, City Manager Jerry W. Morford has said.

He has estimated the sidewalk program may take three or four more

years to complete.

Morford said income tax exemptions have risen on state and federal taxes in recent years, and the Grayling City Council decided to follow the trend.

"Six hundred dollars just didn't keep pace," he said.

Morford said students and others who only work part of the year will be the biggest beneficiaries of the higher exemptions. He said students who earn more than \$600 a summer but less than \$1,500 will not have to pay any city income tax at all.

Echoing Meharg's comment on the impact, Morford said "it's not a great deal" of money involved. He said a part-time worker who earned \$900 a year, for example, will save the \$3 he/she had been paying in

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**...Jerry Morford
City Manager**

Grayling city tax.

"This will drop low income people off the rolls," Morford said.

Administration of the tax will change in 1998, too.

The city will no longer mail quarterly tax deposit forms to employers, but rather will send a single packet containing tax deposit forms for all four quarters, along with the yearly reconciliation form, which is the same system the State of Michigan uses.



ST. NICK SURROUNDED — Santa Claus was surrounded by women as he put in his annual appearance at Grayling's Breakfast with Santa last weekend. Mrs. Santa helps to greet three contestants in the 1998 Grayling Junior Miss pageant (clockwise from top): Brie Blaauw, Christa Gothro and Jenny French. The three young ladies also helped serve at the breakfast. For more on the Junior Miss pageant and Grayling's Winter Carnival — both past and future — see our Northern Notes Page Section B. Photo by Shirley Schmoeck.

City revenues, spending both go down slightly

Grayling city revenues and city spending both went down slightly in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, according to the city audit report submitted to the Grayling City Council Monday, Dec. 8.

Total revenue for the 1996-97 fiscal year was \$2,020,763, down about \$55,000 from the previous year's \$2,075,585.

Total spending was down, too, to \$1,668,197 for the 1996-97, from the previous year's figure of \$1,785,469.

Brian Olszewski of Hill, Schroeder and Co., of Petoskey, the accounting firm which performed the audit again this year, pointed out some of the reasons for the declines.

In income, for example, he indicated sewer rate revenues were down, a fire service contract expired, plus some one-time items such as a back hoe was sold the previous year, and two land contract payments were booked the previous year.

Spending was down, he said, in public safety (where a fire truck was refurbished the year before), and in public works, depending on when bills for sidewalk improvement work were paid.

Under auditor's comments,

City employees to get Christmas gifts once more

Despite questions from a new member, the Grayling City Council at its Dec. 8 meeting voted to continue with its practice of giving city employees and volunteer firemen a \$15 gift certificate for Christmas.

New council member D.J. Brown questioned whether such gifts are legal.

"Is it illegal to use tax money for gifts?" she asked.

Nobody seemed to have a definitive answer, but relied on the fact that the practice has been going on for many years.

The city used to give turkeys to employees, but then switched to a supermarket gift certificate good only for food items.

The council approved the gifts 4-1, with Brown voting "no."

Commented Mayor Ralph Stevens: "If it's illegal, sue us."

Manager Jerry W. Morford pointed out.

Mayor Ralph Stevens said that "water rates aren't that bad" but that "sewer rates are not making it."

The auditor presented detailed reports of city finances to council members, and said he would return for another session after they had digested the report if they wanted him to come back.

Oscoda County wins state grant for Garland project

The Michigan Job Commission has approved a \$1.2 million economic development infrastructure grant to Oscoda County to assist with the expansion plans of the Garland Resort in Lewiston.

The grant, funded through the Michigan Renaissance Fund, will be used for the extension of water and sewer service, storm drainage, and pavement to serve a new development proposed by the resort.

Garland Resort is planning a completely new village adjacent to the facility. The "Village of Garland" will be the community center for the development. The core of the village will have approximately 38 retail stores, an amphitheater, and 54 residential units on the second and third floors of the retail buildings.

"We are pleased to be able to provide support to Oscoda County to assist with these site improvements for the Garland Resort expansion.

The undertaking will result in the creation of more job opportunities for residents of the area," said Doug Rothwell, director of the Michigan Jobs Commission.

The Garland Resort, in existence since 1951, is a year-round resort and presently has a hotel, restaurant, convention facilities, four 18-hole golf courses, cross-country ski trails, and other amenities. The resort development, which employs 380 people, is the largest employer in Oscoda and Montmorency Counties. The proposed project is expected to result in the creation of 190 new, full-time equivalent positions.

The Michigan Jobs Commission, which administers the Michigan Renaissance Fund, works in partnership with local communities and Michigan businesses to retain and expand job opportunities and improve Michigan's overall business climate.

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Deputies sell trees to help the needy

The Crawford County Sheriff's Association sold Christmas trees last weekend to raise money to help needy families and children over the holidays.

Organized by Deputies Conrad Niederhouse and Randy Herman, the association's project sold more than 150 trees, which had been provided at reduced cost by Jeff and Deb Schlaack, formerly of Grayling.

Trees were sold with help from Al and Jackie Smith from 7-Eleven, Chuck Fick, Grayling Fire Department, Crawford County Sheriff's Association, and McGruff, the crime dog. Photo by Linda Golnick.

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MORE HELP NEEDED — Gerry Schroeder, coordinator of the Christian Help Center, keeps volunteers busy stocking shelves and packing bags with groceries for folks who need help. But funds are running low. Photo by Cheryl Ruley.

Crawford Christian Help Center starts 'Adopt-a-Family-for-Christmas' project

by Cheryl A. Ruley

Special Writer

Gerry Schroeder is a little worried.

Mrs. Schroeder is the Coordinator for the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center and funds are running low.

Since its inception five years ago the Christian Help Center has helped hundreds of families in need. During the holidays the need is even greater.

Schroeder says she spends a lot of time applying for grants from

many foundations and businesses to assist in funding the center. She also states that competition for grants has increased due to the cutbacks in government funding of some assistance programs.

There has been a change over the years in the clientele at the center. Most families and individuals in need are referred by the Family Independence Agency and local churches. But, more and more, the center is serving two-income families who earn minimum wage. "Just a trip to the dentist, a pair of broken glasses or a car repair bill can really set some families back," remarks Schroeder.

The Christian Help Center has a volunteer force of 20-25 workers at any given time. They keep very busy stocking shelves and packing bags full to the brim with groceries and personal items provided by generous donations from many civic and charitable organizations, as well as private donations. Mrs. Schroeder commented that she is very thankful that the Grayling community has always been very generous in the past and hopes the goodwill continues as the need becomes greater.

Besides helping to feed 40 or more families each month, the Christian Help Center is sponsoring

"Coats for Kids", the S.H.A.R.E. food distribution/community service program and tickets for the Santa Claus Breakfast that was held just last Saturday, courtesy of the Grayling Promotional Association.

Also, for the first time ever, an "Adopt-a-Family-for-Christmas" program has been put into motion. The response was overwhelming. Almost 120 families have signed up to be adopted by kind-hearted individuals, families, organizations and businesses. Each family will receive their Christmas dinner if needed, and gifts for their children.

While it is too late to adopt a family for this Christmas season, there are things that can still be done to help. Those who wish to make a needy child's Christmas brighter may purchase and wrap toy and bring it to the Christian Help Center by 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. Please indicate on the tag if the gift is for a boy or girl and the age group for which it is appropriate. As always, cash donations are needed to fill the gaps that occur this time of the year.

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center is located at 306 N. James St. (next to Rite Aid). The center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If someone leaves a security door open, close it then find out who's leaving it open.

Wakeley said that violation of security procedures was a policy issue. "The Right of Management clause in the union contract says that you to have the right to enforce the security measures. You've never given these rights away," he said.

Marvin Anderson, the County's auditor said, "You have people working with money and numbers all day, and they're actually sitting in a hallway. This system is inherently very wrong. The work stations need to be accessible, but with the world the way it is today, and it's the one we all live in, security is a serious issue here."

"When I first began my work here, I was working at the Treasurer's desk. After two hours, we had to move into the basement. I don't know how any of your employees get anything done from day to day."

"In county government, there's a lot of lateral movement. Somehow I got the impression that if a few people don't want to wear security badges, then it's a bad idea. But what if 80 percent of the people do think it's a good idea? Why not just do it? Cutting down on all the superfluous interruptions would make the employees a lot happier."

The entire cost of lobby and office security redesign was listed at \$65,158.99. When asked how the county expected to pay for this plan, Wakeley said that he estimated the county's Fund Balance to be about \$135,000 by year end. He recommended that a portion of this amount be used for capital improvements to the courthouse.

The safety plan, upon motion by Smock, was tabled for two weeks for review by the various department heads. The name tags to be worn by employees, however, were to be issued effective Dec. 1, 1997.

Other safety measures will be glass partitions, doors with buzzer systems, and the use of Visitor's Passes.

Body Facts

Man's body includes 500 muscles, 200 bones, four gallons of blood, several hundred feet of blood vessels, arteries and veins, over twenty-five feet of intestines and millions of pores.

Big Haul

The U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue collected \$68.5 billion worth of taxes in 1992.

Courthouse remodels for safety, efficiency

by Shirley D. Schmoock

Special Writer

The personal safety of Crawford County employees in their workplace has been a front-burner issue for quite some time now.

Consideration for privacy is one part of the puzzle, but guarding against potentially disorderly persons and others who interfere with county business factors even more heavily into the equation.

Changes in the entire layout of the building are being monitored and designed by Morris Cole, president of Michigan Officeways, Inc. — one of very few companies in the state to outfit business offices with safety issues in mind.

The plan, though still undergoing some minor changes, is designed to include glass partitions to close off the County Clerk and Treasurer's areas of the ground floor. Enclosures will be added for safety and privacy.

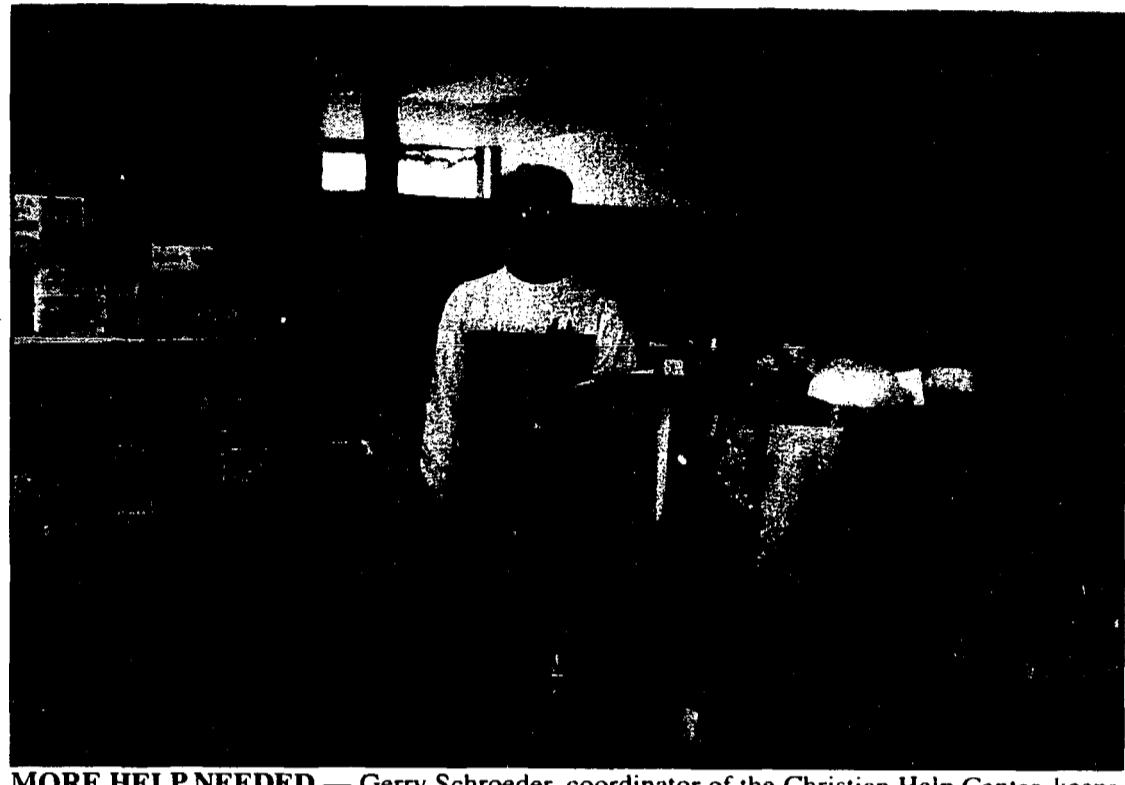
During the space of a single business day, numerous people come to the counter, ask questions about the court, the jail, their taxes, information on the various notices either posted or published, and the constant interruptions which are a deterrent to accomplishing even the simplest of tasks.

The District Court/Prosecuting Attorney's work areas will be secured against outside traffic and lobby

furniture will be grouped in such a way that people filling out papers or those waiting for court to convene will find their own comfort levels being met.

The "panic alarm" system in the building will also be upgraded, and once the new telephone system is in place, inter-building calls will no longer require excess dialing and calling through voice mail units.

Time implementation for the completion of the work, once it's been approved by the Board of Commissioners, is approximately two weeks after the materials are received. The wall units are custom built and come complete with electrical boxes.



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Open city treasurer position to be redefined, advertised

A couple of personnel questions arose at the Dec. 8 meeting of Grayling City Council.

With the position of city treasurer empty due to the resignation of Verna Meharg, what's happening at City Hall?

City Manager Jerry W. Morford said he will redefine the position, fashion a new job description, then put out some advertising for the job. He said he is working with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) on the details.

"In the meantime, the work will get done," he said.

He said "we have to shift back and forth," and other employees are sharing.

How about negotiations on the initial union contracts for the two departments — police and public works — who are now represented by the Teamsters?

Morford said the negotiations are continuing, with a MML negotiator working with the city.

"I don't look at this union thing as a bad thing," Morford said. "I

look at it as a good thing."

He said he now he will have to deal with a single spokesperson for an entire department instead of with individual employees and handle what each one wants.

"It's not bad. It's not good. It's just different," Morford said.

In other city business brought up Dec. 9:

— Council member D. J. Brown suggested council meetings be taped, and the tapes saved for six months or so, in case there's any need to go back over what was actually said or done. No action was taken on her suggestion.

— A resolution was adopted honoring 10 years of service to the fire department by William F. Holborn.

— Received a letter from the Michigan Department of Transportation describing installation of new signs at city entrances honoring the Grayling High School band and its director, Dennis Ormsby, for winning state band honors.

County Recycle Day team effort between students and government

by Dawn Workman

Special Writer

The Grayling Township Recycling Center will open its doors to Crawford County residents on Sunday, Dec. 14, noon until 6 p.m.

In keeping with the "We Can Make a Difference" program, Crawford County and Grayling Township officials voted to make Dec. 14 their day to make a positive impact on the community.

Students of the Grayling High School and Middle School will be working at the recycling center on Dec. 14, as well as running the compactor on the days that the compactor is open.

The trash compactor is for non-recyclable materials, and available for

resident use on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Recycle Day was a team effort among Crawford County, Grayling Township, Crawford County 4-H, and Grayling High School and Middle School.

Crawford County Clerk Sandy Moore said, "We thought if we pulled together in some way," the people involved in this day could play a role in making a positive difference in the community.

The compactor will not be open on Sunday. Recyclables that will be accepted are paper, boxes, glass (clean and unbroken), plastics (clean with no ring or lid), tin cans, aluminum (clean and flattened) and yard wastes.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: True generosity is doing something nice for someone who'll never find out.

This is the hectic time of year when there is so much to do and see that it is hard to get all of the activities in that you want to do. As the old saying goes, "Ya pays yer money, ya takes yer choice!"

Christmas dinners are being held on Dec. 16th, again at 12:30 and 5 p.m. Call for reservations and specify which time you want to come. I might mention that we will be serving strawberry-glazed ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, rolls, lettuce and fruit salads and cherry cheesecake. Suggested donation for seniors is \$2 and a \$3 charge for non-seniors.

We would also like to remind you that during this joyous holiday season, please take time to remember those friends and relatives who would enjoy a call or visit and help make this a happier season for both you and someone you care about.

Reminder that the Center will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays on Dec. 24th, 25th, 31st and Jan. 1st. Home delivered meals will be sent out the day before for each of the holidays that we will be closed.

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come:

Center happenings: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Foot Clinic by appointment and Birthday Luncheon on the 10th; Blood pressures and sugars taken from 11 to noon and RSVP book sale and COA crafts from 10 to 4 on the 11th; Frederic satellite on the 12th. Christmas dinners on the 16th; Frankenmuth trip on the 17th leaving at 9 a.m. by car pool and COA Board meeting at 5:30; RSVP Christmas tea and Gingerbread House judging on the 18th from 5:30 to 8 p.m.; Lovells Satellite and SHARE pick-up on the 19th and Pancake Brunch on the 21st from 10 to 1 p.m.

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17 - Veal Cutlets/Roast Beef
18 - Turkey Birds/Pork Steak
19 - Roast Chicken/no dinner



HIGH SCORERS — Ashley Longendyke, Jill St. Germain and Gretchen Brown (left to right) were among the top scorers at the Dance America competition among dancers from three states and Canada, held recently in Dearborn.

Local dancers score well in DanceAmerica competition

Competition dancers from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance earned top awards and qualified for national finals during the DanceAmerica competition held Nov. 22 in Dearborn.

Mio's Gretchen Brown and Grayling's Jill St. Germain scored first and second, respectively, in overall points and were named "Dancers of the Year" in the regional competition. Brown performed in the senior solo lyrical category to "Never Is A Promise," while St. Germain competes in the intermediate solo lyrical division to "Ice."

St. Germain's performance also earned her the top award for emotional execution.

In a surprise announcement to the packed crowd at Edsel Ford High School Auditorium, Louise Tournaud was given the prestigious Director's Award for overall Excellence. Her instruction, choreography and overall excellence demonstrated through her students was noted during the special award's presentation.

Junior and intermediate company dancers competed during the morning session and won 11 awards out of 13 dances performed, including six first-place awards, four second-place honors and one third-place. The young dancers competed in divisions for jazz and lyrical solo, duo and group performance.

First place honors went to St. Germain and Venessa Nethers in jazz duo; Paige Conway and Chelsea Papendick in jazz duo; Ashley Longendyke in lyrical solo; St. Germain and Longendyke in open duo; and Jill St. Germain, Gretchen Brown, Stacy Rider, Mandi Sinnave, Brandi McClain, Allison Schoen, Heather Lamoureux, Krista McDonald, Heather Freeman, and Vanessa Nethers in large group lyrical.

Hundreds of students competed in the all-day competition that featured 120 numbers from dance studios in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Canada. The Louise Tournaud School of Dance is the only studio in northern Michigan that participates in various competitions throughout the year.

"It's another measure of our performance beyond the annual recital," said Tournaud. "Competitions help our more experienced dancers constantly improve and reach peak performance. They also have the opportunity to learn from world-renowned dancers during the workshops associated with the event."

Tournaud's students plan to participate in the DanceAmerica National Finals in Orlando, Fla. in July 1998.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Senator Phil shrugs, then goes along

FORMER STATE Sen. Phil Arthurhultz knows a good thing when he comes across one.

Case in point: his expense tab in his role as a state official.

Mr. Arthurhultz used to be a congressional staffer, then in 1978 struck out on his own in elective politics. At age 31, he won election to the Michigan State Senate from a four-county district on the shores of Lake Michigan around Muskegon.

Considered a bright young man in the Legislature, he rose fast and became Majority Floor Leader in the Senate. The 1990 census scrambled his district a bit, and he decided not to run again in 1994 after 16 years in the job.

A former senate colleague, Gov. John Engler, appointed Mr. Arthurhultz as chair of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

In that role, Mr. Arthurhultz oversaw the controversial Engler plan to strip the liquor commission of much of its state operations.

Once that was done, Mr. Arthurhultz stepped down as chair, but at last look remains a member of the liquor commission.

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ON THE LIQUOR board, Mr.

Arthurhultz made a couple of strange decisions.

He has had a Lansing apartment for a number of years, and the Liquor Control Commission is headquartered in Lansing, where his job was.

But he chose to name his residence in Spring Lake as his "designated work station."

Under liquor commission personnel rules, employees can be reimbursed for meals, lodging and transportation while working away from their "designated work station."

In three years, according to The Lansing State Journal which uncovered the details, Mr. Arthurhultz claimed reimbursement for breakfast lunch and dinner each work day, plus about \$6,000 in mileage. That added up to about \$17,000.

And that was on top of his \$74,000 annual state salary as chair.

The liquor commission is now reviewing its reimbursement policy.

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ONE BAFFLING aspect of this plight is that Mr. Arthurhultz apparently sees nothing even questionable about playing the system this way.

He explained that when he took the job, he was told that's how they did things at the liquor commission. So he just shrugged and went with the flow.

But shouldn't there have been some question in his mind?

Wasn't there a tiny voice, somewhere in the far reaches of his conscience, which whispered: "Hey, Senator Phil. You've been around here quite a while. Isn't something not quite right about this deal? This is taxpayers money we're dealing with, you know. Sure, maybe everybody's doing it, but does that make it right? Is this honest? Is it fair? Don't you smell something?"

In the Senate, Mr. Arthurhultz had chaired the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

His wail would have shattered ears if he had caught some bureaucrat claiming he worked in one place, while he actually worked in another — and then tried to be reimbursed for mileage and meals in an obviously phony setup.

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IN ADDITION to his state job, Mr. Arthurhultz also hosts a radio talk show which originates in Lansing and recently added a Grand

Rapids outlet.

Mr. Arthurhultz seems headed toward a localized niche in the Rush Limbaugh-Gordon Liddy vein as a right-handed critic of the passing political scene.

He's really pretty good at it, if you care for that sort of thing. Regularly, Mr. Arthurhultz decries wasted tax dollars, castigates welfare cheats, and rails at anyone he suspects of misusing or abusing a public position.

If these are honestly held views, his personal conduct in the liquor commission expense incident is even more baffling... inconsistent, of course, but perplexing, too.

The current Arthurhultz soapbox is called "The Senator Phil" show, although he hasn't been a senator for three years now.

How long does the title last?

Apparently as long as it brings him some personal benefit.

That seems to be the Arthurhultz way.

* * *

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

GUEST COLUMN

by Richard L. Jameson, Executive Director, MUCC

MUCC--60 years of successful conservation for Michigan

Six decades ago a small group, devoted to protecting Michigan's out-of-doors, formed a citizen organization called the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Ninety-two conservationists representing 35 clubs from Monroe to De Tour held a historic meeting at the Shiawassee Conservation Association in Owosso and a united front for citizen conservation, MUCC, was born.

From this early vision of conservation unity, MUCC has grown to become the largest and most effective state conservation organization in the nation. Today MUCC's membership numbers 120,000 people and more than 470 affiliated clubs.

The vitality of MUCC has been the diversity of its member clubs, ranging from fly fishing and hunting to canoeing, hiking, and a broad range of outdoor recreation and environmental interests, all of which share a strong interest in the outdoors and deep commitment to clean water, clean air, thriving forests and abundant fish and wildlife populations for present and future generations.

The 470 organizations affiliated with MUCC are the foundation on which the association is built. Members form the volunteer citizen force that performs a variety of educational, recreational and environmental conservation projects each year. The range of activities conducted, independently and united, are as varied and far-reaching as the conservation needs of our local community or the state as a whole.

Each year on the local scene, area clubs adopt projects to create fish spawning structures, provide brush piles for wildlife shelters, plant food trees, and shrubs for habitat improvement and construct and/or erect nesting boxes for bluebirds, ducks, and other bird species. Clubs have created nesting islands for waterfowl and nesting platforms for eagles and osprey, planted native aquatic food plants for waterfowl and completed numerous erosion control projects to protect our public waters. Clubs have assisted in river clean ups, the construction of wall-eye rearing ponds, and the construction of trails (many for handicapped accessibility), and participated in the State's Adopt-A-Forest program.

Last year over 100,000 meals were contributed for the needy through the Sportsmen Against Hunger program, and over 30,000 young people were trained through club-sponsored hunter safety programs. Clubs also sponsor kids fishing days each year and provide the TRACKS® conservation magazine to nearly 80,000 fourth through sixth grade classrooms each month.

On the statewide front, the affiliated clubs under the MUCC banner, have and are providing much to all of Michigan.

MUCC's Wildlife Encounters programs present an exciting face-to-face look at native wildlife in classrooms throughout the state. Some 2,500 schools have received this presentation since its inception. Also, MUCC summer Youth Camps

provide outdoor experiences to over 1,000 youth each summer and teacher training seminars are conducted throughout the year.

It was an MUCC initiative which led to the creation of the Bottle Bill for Michigan, the establishment of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to support local and state recreation projects, the Harbor Development Fund, legislation to protect hunters and anglers from harassment, and the successful adoption of Proposal G, supporting scientific wildlife management just last year.

The clubs of MUCC have proven that united for conservation, individuals can make a difference in their community and state and improve the quality of life for us all.

The people of the state of Michigan are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated citizens that have diligently worked to improve and maintain the high quality of our natural resources. We have come a long way in conservation in the last 60 years, and look forward to serving conservation interests as we enter the next century.

Happy anniversary to MUCC and dedicated volunteer men and women who care about our natural resources. Michigan is a better place because of its united citizen conservationists.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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EDITOR

Not everyone disappointed with road access denial

To the editor,

After reading the current issue of the Avalanche, I feel compelled to respond to the article entitled "U.S.

Forest Service denies new road access to Forest Dunes development."

To begin with, not everyone

finds that denial "disappointing."

The area they wish to build across is

designated Kirtland's warbler habitat.

That the warbler population has

increased in recent years is entirely

due to the careful management of

their habitat by the DNR and U.S.

Forest Service. So, if they set that

piece of land aside for such a purpose,

it wasn't an arbitrary decision,

they had a very good reason. And to

those who think the warbler habitats

take up too much of Crawford

County's land, let me remind you

that "those pesky birds" bring flocks

of tourists and their wallets to

Grayling every year from all over

the world.

The debate over whether Forest

Dunes should be given permission

to extend Four Mile always seems to

come back to a fear that somehow

Grayling is going to lose out if it isn't.

This, to me is a specious and

erroneous argument. Those who say

that Roscommon will get all the

business from this development if

the extension does not go through

because everyone will get off the

highway south of Grayling obviously

haven't looked at a map lately.

Last time I looked, Four Mile Rd.

lay south of Grayling.

What people seem to be forgetting is that more than half of the developments projected members will be from Chicago and western Michigan, and they come north up US-27. The fastest and easiest access to the property from that highway now lies through Grayling to M-72. If the Four Mile extension goes through, they will never have to go through Grayling. And let's not forget that once within the club's gates they'll have 2 restaurants to eat at, rooms and suites to stay in at the clubhouse, a convenience store and even a gas station on site. They aren't likely to drive all the way back into Grayling for what they'll already have right there. (And if they do choose to go out, Roscommon is 10 miles closer.)

So, to all those who feel disappointed by the Forest Services decision not to simply give away land held in public trust for the perpetuation of a species that brings plenty of tourists and their money to the area, to those who say they're concerned about Grayling losing out, I say let's make sure these people have to go through Grayling. Extending Four Mile, even if the developers weren't asking the Forest Service to sacrifice warbler habitat, will only make sure they miss it.

Leane Tingstad,
Roscommon

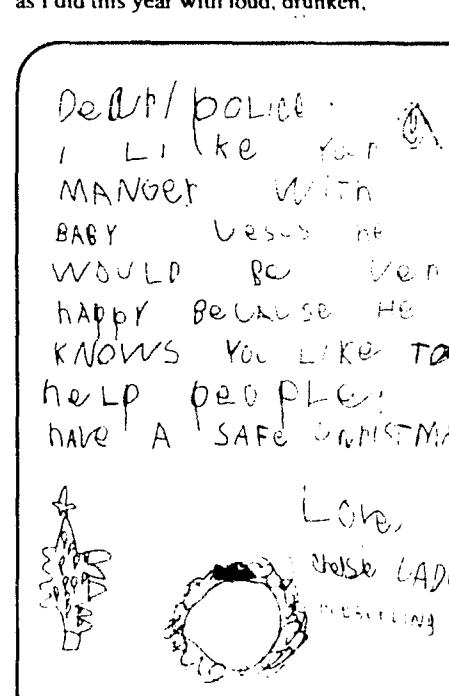
Hunting blind gone; reward

To the editor,

Sometime between Sunday evening, Nov. 23rd and the morning of Thursday the 27th, someone stole my hunting blind out on range 43 near Lonesome Lake. I have hunted in this area for the past 26 years and up to now have never had problems as I did this year with loud, drunken

Larry Pratt,

Grayling



Betty asks...

Question of the week:

Are you going to have a real tree or an artificial tree?



Marti Costing

Grayling, MI

"A real tree, my children don't like artificial trees."



William Long

Grayling, MI

"Artificial tree, the kids are older now."



Cindy Lane

Grayling, MI

"Real tree, my husband takes our children out and they cut a tree."



Joe Murphy

Grayling, MI

"Artificial tree for the last 30 years and each year it get smaller."

There you have it...Speaking of trees, I passed some real ones on the corner of Old 27 & M-72 W. that said, "Please take me home & dress me up!"

Betty Real

Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

BRIEFS

1997 SAGA Yearbook pick-up

The Grayling High School 1997 SAGA Yearbook, *Out of Step*, is back from the Herff Jones printing plant and available for Class of 1997 graduates to pick up. People are asked to stop by Room 13 before school starts (8:15 a.m.) or after school ends (2:52 p.m.), rather than coming to the high school during the school day.

All seniors received free yearbooks, thanks to the high school administration, and free name embossing, courtesy of the SAGA staff.

There are no more copies of the 1997 yearbook available for students who did not pre-order. All extra copies have been sold out.

AAU girls basketball sign-up notice

Sign-up will be Dec. 13 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School. Costs \$55 for ages 10-13 and \$75 for ages 14-18; make checks payable to AuSable Valley GBC. Please bring the following: copy of birth certificate and current picture. Questions can be directed to Harold Mertes at (517) 348-9744.

Chamber Open House

The Chamber staff is doing some interior decorating. We will be painting, wallpapering, carpeting and re-arranging to have a more friendly look to welcome members, potential members, residents, and visitors to our area. An open house will be held at the Chamber on Friday, Dec. 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come in and enjoy a cup of coffee and Christmas cookies with the staff.

Christmas Program to be on Dec. 14

Burning Bush Tabernacle will be having their first annual Children's Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. The Church is located at 501 E. Michigan Ave.

After the program, Christmas cookies and desserts will be served. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Project Graduation tree sale continues

GHS Project Graduation '98 is selling Blue Spruce Christmas trees at the corner of Old-27 and M-72 West. Trees will be sold each day, until gone. Tree stands are also on sale, for \$5.

Volunteers are needed to help sell these trees. If you are able to help call Steve Anderson at 348-2299.

Public meeting held on Sportsplex

A public meeting to discuss the Sportsplex proposal for Crawford County was scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn of Grayling.

Senior Citizens Bowling League

The Senior Citizens Bowling League is in need of substitute bowlers, especially the male variety. The pre-requisite is to be fifty-five years young, and able to roll ball, the length of the alleys. Come and join the group for enjoyment and relaxed exercise. We bowl on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Veterans food drive was held on Dec. 6

On Dec. 6 Veteran Of Foreign Wars, Carl W. Borchers Post 3736 and Auxiliary held their annual food drive to aid the Crawford County Community Christian Center. Through the generosity of the citizens of Grayling and surrounding communities, the V.F.W. was able to present cash and commodities to the Food Pantry.

Crawford Health Department exceeds immunization goal

Crawford County Health Department has not only met but even exceeded the immunization goals set by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

In January of this year, health departments across the state were challenged to reach an immunization coverage level of 85 percent for children in the 19 through 35 month old age group, before Sept. 1997. If local health departments were unable to reach this goal, they risked funding cuts.

Health Department staff rose to the challenge. Immunization clinics were expanded and in some areas outreach workers checked immunization records, scheduled appointments and made reminder calls to busy parents. Strong Families/Safe Children assisted the effort by providing funds to enhance and expand the immunization services. Improving immunization coverage levels is one of the priority areas of the state-wide Strong Families/Safe Children campaign.

In addition to reminder calls and expanded clinics, every effort is made to make a child's visit to the Health Department a pleasant experience. Food coupons are donated by local restaurants, baby bibs are supplied by health oriented service clubs, stickers, treats, coloring books and packets of interesting information help ease any temporary discomfort.

As a result of all these factors, immunization coverage levels have steadily climbed. Crawford County is one of the counties leading the way in Northern Michigan. In October, Health Department officials reported an immunization rate of 89 percent for the 19 to 35 month old age group.

Marilyn Pratt, immunization coordinator, believes immunization rates for our young ones will continue to rise. According to Pratt, "The numbers of children fully immunized can be attributed to the overwhelming support of the community as well as the many dedicated parents who realize the importance of early immunization, and appreciate the convenience of appointment times that meet their needs."



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 137 incidents from Dec. 1 to Dec. 8:

3 assault, 1 larceny, 1 drunkenness, 6 pub. peace, 1 OUIL/OUID, 1 citation, 16 lth. & sfty., 1 invad. priv., 2 misc. crim., 3 minors, 25 accidents, 4 NT accidents, 3 traf. saf. P.R., 2 false alarm, 34 insp. veh., 1 insp. prop., 3 civil FT, 4 susp. sit., 3 gen. asst. and 23 gen. non-criminal.



NEW GMS TEACHER—Mary Nama, who joined the Middle School faculty in August to teach seventh grade social studies, reading and science, works with students in one of her classes.

New teacher at GMS

by Nancy Lemmen

Mary Nama — who joined the Grayling Middle School faculty this fall to teach social studies, reading and science on the seventh grade team — is the daughter of educators. Her father George taught social studies for 22 years and mother Carol taught physical education for 31 years for the Perry Public Schools.

Nama, who was the Christian Education Coordinator at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church for five years, has also been a substitute teacher in the Crawford AuSable School District for the past five years. Prior to moving to Grayling, she substituted in Shiawassee County schools.

Nama earned a bachelor of arts degree in social science and health from Michigan State University. She is currently working on a master's degree in secondary reading improvement from Central Michigan University.

A five-year member of the Kiwanis Club, Nama also enjoys golfing, fishing and cross-country skiing with her husband, Toby Shambarger.

She said she applied for a position in the Crawford AuSable School District because "Grayling is a great place to live and work. Through substitute teaching, I started to get to know the staff and enjoy working with the middle school staff and students."

Correction

A story on sidewalk snow removal in the Dec. 4, 1997 issue of *The Avalanche* contained an error of fact.

James Briney, managing director for the Road Commission for Crawford County, said that the commission will furnish neither equipment nor labor to remove snow from any area where the Michigan Department of Transportation has jurisdiction.

The correct version, he said, is this: "The Road Commission has worked out an agreement with MDOT to allow a private contracting service to remove snow from sidewalks within MDOT jurisdiction for limited distances along the Business Loop in the City of Grayling."

The Avalanche regrets the error.

Plants

The United States National Museum has a collection of more than 1,500,000 specimens of plants gathered from all parts of the world.

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FOOT NOTES
by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.



Warning: Watch out for dry skin

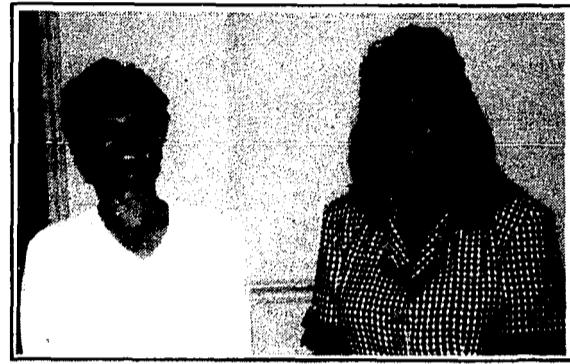
Like sunburns in summer, dry skin is one of the natural hazards of wintertime. When it comes to the feet, however, dry skin can be more than an uncomfortable annoyance—it can be a serious health hazard. Without treatment, dry skin on the feet can become cracked and painful, and cracked feet can become infected feet. This can have life-threatening consequences, particularly for people with diabetes. Dry skin is also more of a problem for people as they age, when skin begins to lose its natural elasticity and moisture. In addition, there are several skin conditions, such as xerosis, eczema, and psoriasis, that can cause dry skin, often resulting in painful sores and difficulty walking.

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THURS	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MINIMAL FEE Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar screens @ Commission on Aging, 11 am - 12 noon. •TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Mary Kay, 348-1398. •HS MUSICAL CASTING 3 pm. •VAR WRESTLING vs Petoskey & Rogers City, home, 6 pm. •GE CHOIR winter concert @ GE gym, 7 pm. •HS COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID night, 7:30 pm.
FRI	12	•VAR & JV BBB vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights, away, 6:15 pm.
SAT	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ACT TEST DATE. •VAR WRESTLING vs. Mason County Invitational, 10 am.
SUN	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE WEEK.
MON	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. •HABITAT FOR HUMANITY meeting @ Mercy Hospital, 12 noon. •MS BBB vs. Surine, 7th away, 8th home. •FRESH BBB vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights, home, 6 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights, away, 6 pm. •SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ GE conference room, 7 pm.
TUES	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VAR & JV BBB vs. Gladwin, home, 6:15 pm. •MS BAND CONCERT @ MS gym, 7 pm. •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMENS ASSOCIATION dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076, for more information. •CONCERNED CITIZENS for animals meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. •AUSSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini Mall race office, 7 pm.
WED	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Gladwin, home, 6 pm. •VAR VOLLEYBALL vs. Gladwin & Bay City John Glenn @ John Glenn, 6 pm. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm.

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The Bible Speaks Killing Christmas?

Our nation was shocked by the recent violence against a group of teenage students gathered for informal prayer in the lobby of a western Kentucky high school. According to the principal, a 14 year old boy emptied an 11-shot clip into the group of about 35 students but afterward, calmly dropped the weapon and surrendered, saying he was sorry. But saying I am sorry and being forgiven by the other Christians in the group does not restore life to the 3 dead girls, or satisfy God's moral laws or the civil laws against such brutal murder.

Were the dead students wrong for expressing their faith in school instead of church? This mentality of condemning all public Christian testimony started with the 60's attack upon God, the Bible, prayer, and public religious expression. But church vandalism and burning prove the hatred is not limited to the place one practices religion. Jesus Christ and His followers remain the real target.

President Clinton wisely observed in a July 12, 1995 memo to the U.S. Secretary of Education:

"It appears that some school officials, teachers and parents have assumed that religious expression of

any type is either inappropriate or forbidden altogether in public schools. As our courts have reaffirmed, however, nothing in the First Amendment converts our public schools into religion-free zones, or requires all religious expression to be left behind at the schoolhouse door."

Our State Representative Allen Lowe is to be commended for distributing the above quote by our president as well as other relevant material concerning the rights of religious expression in public schools. Lowe said, "Student religious expression is allowable in school settings to the extent that other types of expression are permissible. Students may read their Bibles and pray before meals or tests to the same extent they may engage in comparable non-disruptive activities. In informal settings such as hallways and cafeterias, students may pray together, read their Bibles, discuss religious issues, and even try to persuade their peers of their religious beliefs as they would their political views."

Besides student prayer and religious discussion, Lowe discusses graduation prayer and baccalaureates, official neutrality regarding religious activity, teaching about religion, student

assignments, distribution of religious literature, religious excusals, released time, teaching values, student dress, the equal access act, worship, equal access to publicity, lunch time and recess, and what actions students may take to practice and protect their religious freedom in public schools. We pray this kind of information may help us avoid the senseless tragedy experienced in western Kentucky.

Our Lord Jesus Christ encourages Christian students facing conflicts: (Matthew 5:11-12) "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. {12} Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/R/arch/1263/>

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Roscommon Church assistance to hospice program honored

In honor of National Hospice Month in November, Hospice of Michigan took the opportunity to thank one of its generous supporters, The First Congregational Church in Roscommon.

Hospice of Michigan Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Witkowski presented a plaque to the church and

the Board of Trustees thanking them for their help in promoting quality hospice care in the Roscommon Area.

Throughout the years, the church has assisted hospice by providing a place to hold volunteer meetings, support groups and most recently, hospice's Service to Remember for

families who lost a loved one.

The church also leases office space to Hospice of Michigan's Roscommon team in two upstairs rooms of their office center located next to the church on 107 South Main Street.

In addition to leasing offices to Hospice of Michigan, the church has created space to allow two new groups to set up camp in the office center and provide more services to the community. The First Congregational Church's Christian Education Center and the new Zonta Clothes Closet, a program that helps women reentering the work forces by providing resources and information, are now located in the office building.

Breakfast with Santa was huge success

by Shirley D. Schmoock

Special Writer

Grayling Promotional Association's Gail Swope, who was

in charge of the dining room at St. Mary's this year said, "Breakfast with Santa this year was a tremendous success. We served 344, and 197 of them were children."

The food was all donated by area restaurants, and event chairman, Carolyn DiPonio, said "The breakfast is one of our biggest fund raisers. And the area merchant cooperation is just great. They give us whatever we need, and their gen-

erosity is wonderful." The Grayling Promotional Association sponsors the Milltown Parade every year, and "it costs several thousands of dollars," she said.

The local service clubs also participate; they purchase tickets and give them to the Christian Help Center to distribute any way they feel appropriate.

The ladies of St. Mary's also set up a special corner of the church where the children can purchase small gifts for their families. They're wrapped by the helpers and it too is a fund raising event for the church.

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Red Cross offers tips for holiday safety

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan urges families to use caution around the holidays when decorating with candles, cooking holiday meals and driving to and from holiday celebrations. Tips released by the Red Cross were developed to help prevent injuries and even fatalities during the holiday season.

One of the tips highlights how to avoid potential dangers associated with Christmas tree decorations. Cautions include purchasing laboratory tested Christmas lights; unplugging tree lights when leaving home or going to bed; and not adorning metal Christmas trees with lights.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly 600 fires a year have been started by ignition of Christmas trees, causing an average of 33 deaths, 117 injuries and \$23 million in direct property damage.

"One of the thrusts of the American Red Cross is to provide

people with preparedness and injury prevention skills," said Pattie Simpson, executive director, American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan. "We are hoping the tips raise the awareness of how to prevent injuries so that people can enjoy the holiday season."

The Holiday Safety Tips are a compilation of information by the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association and the Red Cross First Aid manual.

*Beware of holiday lighting. Take care when burning candles. Be sure they are kept away from decorations or other combustible materials.

Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children. Never display candles in windows or near exits.

*Test tree trimmings. When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those labeled by testing

laboratories. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. For outside decorations, use only those lights labeled for outdoor use. Don't overload electrical outlets, and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never put electrical lights on a metal Christmas tree.

*Prepare for holiday parties. Decorate only with flame-retardant or non-combustible materials. Avoid using candles during parties. If guests will be smoking, provide them with deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

*Keep Christmas trees fresh. Choose a fresh Christmas tree and secure it in a sturdy stand. Place the tree away from heat sources and exits and water it daily. If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

*Inspect fireplaces. Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned.

Always protect your family and home by using a sturdy screen when burning fires. Remember to burn only wood, never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out of a chimney and ignite a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. If you are purchasing a factory built fireplace, select one by a testing laboratory and have it installed according to local codes.

*Watch wood stoves. Be sure wood or coal stove bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory and meets local fire codes. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for proper use and maintenance.

Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned if necessary. Follow the

same safety rules for wood stoves as you would for space heaters. Burn only wood, and be sure the wood stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and hot coals. Be sure to check with your local fire department and local codes before having your wood stove installed.

*Be cautious with portable and space heaters. Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets, and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters and be sure everyone knows that drying wet mittens or other clothing over space heaters is a fire danger.

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* spend a fair amount of money, and

* prepare your tree's permanent home-to-be well ahead of time.

Advice on how to care for your tree after the holiday is as plentiful as the number of tree growers out there. The following method has been tried and proven successful.

Before the ground freezes, dig the hole in the location where it will grow best. Line the hole with plastic and fill with leaves. The soil that was removed must also be kept workable, so either store it in the garage or under some protective cover.

After Christmas, don't just plunk your tree outside in its new home—it must first become acclimated to the colder temperatures. When your tree is ready for the great outdoors, plant as usual and water in.

Don't forget that pine boughs will make great protective cover for roses through the winter.

Grizzlies play at home

Next home game for the Gaylord Grizzlies Junior A hockey team will be Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m., at the Otsego County Sportsplex in Gaylord against Team USA. The Grizzlies also will play Saturday evening at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor against the U.S. National Under 18 team.

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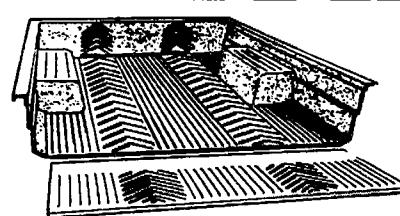
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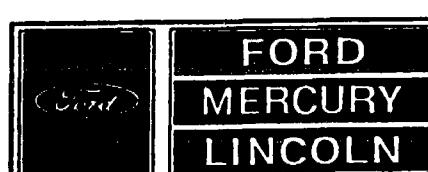


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Rehab, not punishment, featured in programs for violent juveniles

by Daniel Pesta
Capital News Service

LANSING—Michigan heads toward rehabilitation rather than punishment when dealing with violent juvenile offenders.

Carl Marlinga, Macomb County prosecutor, said that when dealing with violent juvenile offenders, the probability a juvenile can be rehabilitated must be considered.

"No matter the crime, there is a moral obligation to try and rehabilitate," Marlinga said. "The offenders are in a time of their life where there can still be significant change."

Recent legislation gives prosecutors more autonomy when dealing with violent offenders. The law now allows a prosecutor to determine whether to charge an offender as an adult or a juvenile.

"We now have the power to discriminate between sociopathic personality and a misguided person who can be rehabilitated," Marlinga said.

Michael Hodges, assistant prosecutor for Lapeer County, said there are many different options in dealing with the offenders.

"It is important to look at the history of the offender," Hodges said. "Looking at the background of a person will lead to a better assessment."

According to Hodges, the courts may deal with offenders with in a wide range, varying from informal probation to juvenile detention centers. "The most violent of offenders are tried as adults," Hodges said.

Marlinga said a problem results because there doesn't appear to be any thoughtful rehabilitation focus for juveniles or inmates within the Department of Corrections.

"The juvenile system is more rehabilitative-based," Marlinga said. "Both systems still work."

Vincent Hoffman, professor of criminal justice at Michigan State University, said the main concern in dealing with the violent juveniles is safety of the public.

"Juveniles have a better chance of rehabilitation," Hoffman said. "Sometimes they are so violent that they need to be in a center away from the community."

According to Matt Davis, administrator for public information of the Michigan Department of Corrections, Special Alternative Incarceration is an alternative involving a military-like program that involves discipline and education. Although the camps are usually used for non-violent offenders, some exceptions are made.

"The state might make an exception for first-time offenders," Davis said.

According to Marlinga, juvenile offenses have increased steadily from 1,756 juvenile petitions in 1993 to 3,395 petitions in the first half of 1997.

"The state must give more focus to the rehabilitative side rather than the punishment side of juvenile delinquency," Marlinga said.

Win the 'cold' war with 'hot' travel

It's winter in Michigan, with weather so cold even your car may have trouble getting started in the morning. Who wouldn't want to spend a week or two away from winter's woes, where rates are low and temperatures are high?

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Costa Rica. There is an abundance of vacation riches along Central America's "Rich Coast," which has rapidly become a top travel destination for the late 90s. Costa Rica celebrates an immense diversity in climates and topographic features. In a single day, visitors can drive to the edge of an active volcano, hike along a lush mountain trail, explore the rain forest canopy via aerial tram, or toast in the afternoon sun from a deserted black, white or golden-sand beach.

The golf scene in Costa Rica continues to impress. Since July, when two new 18-hole courses opened, there are three championship courses. Joining Central America's premier course, the Melia Cariari near San Jose, is Rancho Las Colinas Golf and Country Club at Playa Grande in Guanacaste. Melia Conchal Golf Club is a Robert Trent Jones II course now open for play at the Melia Playa Conchal Beach and Golf Resort.

Acapulco. The original Mexican resort community, Acapulco is now drawing a new generation of sun seekers. Top hotels include Camino Real, Copacabana or Mayan Palace.

One property actually offers a \$50 rebate if it rains for one hour or more between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Acapulco is the birthplace of such vacation institutions as the disco, parasailing, the swim-up pool bar, hotels shaped like pyramids and cliff diving. Many restaurants have outdoor dining, with breathtaking views of Acapulco Bay. Acapulco offers more than 300 hotels and boasts

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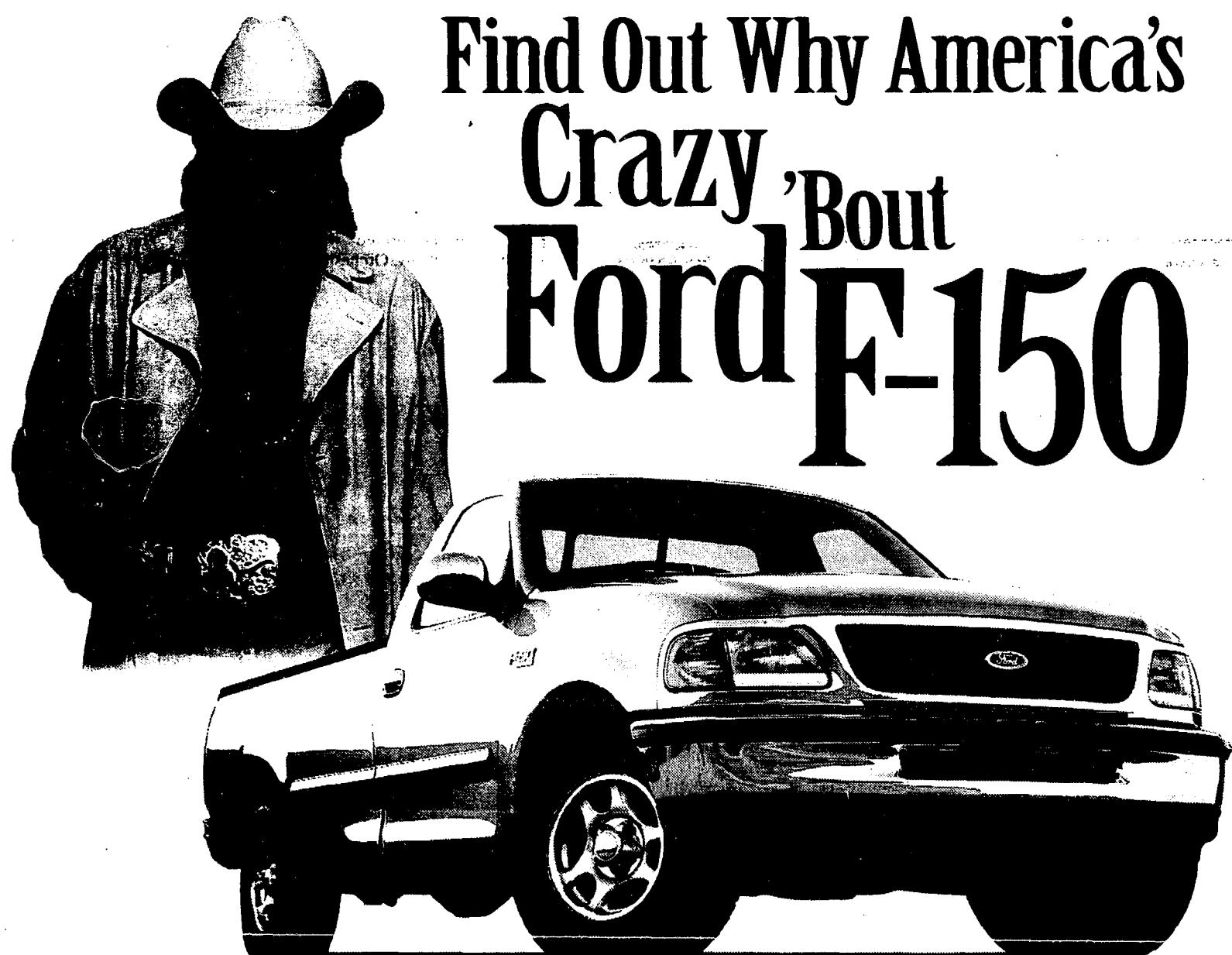


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Library receives work station

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The work station offers Internet connection and word processing with first priority going to Kirtland students.

Telnet for e-mail is also available on the work station. Telnet allows students to connect to Kirtland or other domains and receive their e-mail and send e-mail.

Plus virus scan for personal discs is available on the new computer work station. Scanning for viruses allows you to enter your personal discs in the work station, scan them for viruses and then manipulate the data and print.

Virus scan is something new at the Crawford County Library and will allow you to update your resume on your discs and print. Students taking computer classes using "Works" will be able to continue with their assignments and save them to their discs.

New NHS members inducted

The Grayling High School Chapter of the National Honors Society recently held its induction ceremony at Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Thirty new members were inducted at the Nov. 12 ceremony, including two honorary inductees. They will join 19 present members.

To be eligible for membership, students must carry a 3.4 grade point average. Applications are evaluated by a committee consisting of teachers, administrators and counselors. Members are then selected from those who exhibit the qualities of leadership, scholarship, service and character.

The induction ceremony honored the following new members: Jamie L. Anderson, Sara A. Autem, Sara Bassett, Krystan Bazzett, Jessica M. Becks, Mary E. Bobenmoyer, Shane Colby, Christopher C. Decker-Brown, Ryan T. Gaffke, Brooke J. Ginther, Travis C. Huber, Colin G. Hunter, Natalie Kent, Jamie R. McGuire, Jonathan V. McIntyre, Jonathan Moore, Katie Olson, Crystal Pilon, Brandy L. Plutko, Amanda Quick, Maryann E. Sirrine, David Starks, Joseph D. Streichuk, Eric Thompson, Amanda S. Trudg-

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Two honorary members were also inducted, Tina Breitnick and Florian T. Stensche. They are foreign exchange students currently attending Grayling High School.

Students who are presently members take part in the ceremony as well, including: Krista Alef (treasurer), Dan Bale, Kristina Cadeau, Gordon Elsner, Katherine Fritz, Melanie Green, Jesse Hannum, Shawna Jaskiewicz, Christina Kenney (president), Rob Lawe, Samantha Millikin, Erin Mills, Melissa Ostwald, Shannon Papendick, Ravi Ramaswamy (vice president), Nichole Strohman and Karie Tinker.

The Opening Ceremony was given by Christina Kinney. Four present members also spoke about the qualities of Honors Society members. Gordon Elsner spoke about scholarship, Ravi Ramaswamy spoke about service, Krista Alef about leadership, and Kelly Kiefer about character. Ms. Kinney then administered the pledge to the new members.

Council supports liquor application

A liquor license for the Hospitality motel complex at 1232 I-75 Business Loop has won official city approval and now is in the hands of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Mr. Hospitality, a company owned by Mike Marks of Grand Rapids, is applying for one of 50 resort/hotel liquor licenses available through the state.

If finally approved and issued by the state, the Iron Gate Restaurant at the complex would be able to add

full liquor service.

Marilyn Palmer, who operates the Iron Gate, said if the license is granted, the restaurant probably would start with offering beer and wine with dinner, and liquor service at private parties.

The Grayling City Council, at its Dec. 8 meeting, voted its support for the Hospitality bid by a 4-0 vote. Palmer, who also is a member of the city council, abstained from the vote.



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Abuse of 'Date-Rape' drug may become a felony

by Vikas Bajaj
Capital News Service

When Sarah Klein went to her favorite Detroit bar in early October, she didn't expect to spend the next day vomiting and trying — without much success — to recall the night before.

"It's not like when you drink a whole lot and you can't remember much," said Klein, a Michigan State University senior. "I realized I only had one drink. Then the whole next day I threw up."

After one drink, Klein became groggy and fell unconscious.

"I bought one drink at the bar. I remember almost everything until I bought my drink. My friends walked me over to the couch and sat me down. Apparently I was unconscious for two hours."

What Klein, 21, went through is called being "roofied." Someone slipped a tablet of Rohypnol, a sedative banned in the United States, into her drink.

A blood test the next day showed traces of Rohypnol. But Klein, of Ypsilanti, was lucky compared to others who have been drugged.

There are no statistics on the number of women raped after being given the odorless, colorless drug that easily dissolves in liquids and is hard to trace. The drug induces a coma-like sleep. Victims wake up with amnesia, making it hard to press charges.

Most "date rape drug" cases have been reported in Florida, California and Texas. But an unknown number in Michigan have been victimized too. No cases have been reported in Ingham County.

Proposals before the Michigan Legislature would make it a felony to administer Rohypnol and other drugs with the intent to commit sex crimes.

The maximum penalty would be 20 years in prison.

But since lawmakers first discussed the problem more than a year ago, new drugs, some of them not classified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and easy to make at home, have emerged.

One is Gamma Hydroxy-Butyrate. GHB is produced naturally in the human body and acts as a sedative, pain killer and steroid.

Rep. Lyn Bankes (R-Redford Township) who sponsored the felony proposal, said her bill would help police press additional charges in the hard-to-investigate rape cases.

"A 16 year-old goes to a party and wakes up in a situation that would lead her to believe she may have been taken advantage of, but a condom was used so there is no semen," she said. "Police must proceed based upon the evidence around her in the room. We haven't had to deal with this kind of thing decades before."

Susan LeDuc, an assistant Ingham County prosecutor, said the bill's provisions are sound but may not have an impact.

"It certainly is good punishment," LeDuc said. "Will it stop people from trying to do this is an open question. My experience as a prosecutor attorney is that people don't think ahead."

Phyllis Good, the drug unit supervisor at the State Police crime lab in East Lansing, said she favors the proposed stiffer penalties but believes the bill isn't comprehensive enough.

Good said it should apply to any assaults, not just to sex crimes. "The drugs can be used in a lot of ways."

GHB is becoming popular, especially in Detroit, where it's sold and given out at parties, Good said. "It certainly is here. GHB is very easy to make and in a sense it's harder to press charges."

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Bank's bill classifies GHB as a "Schedule Four" controlled substance along with Rohypnol. Both drugs are legally prescribed in Europe and other regions as sleeping aids.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration defines Schedule Four drugs as having a "low potential for abuse... accepted medical use in treatment in the United States," and addictive characteristics.

Klein, the MSU student who was drugged, said Rohypnol should be reclassified as a Schedule One drug such as heroin, marijuana and LSD. Drugs in this category have a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use.

"There is no valid use for these drugs, in my opinion," Klein said. "There are more than a few sleeping aids available."

But Gail Saffian, a spokesperson for Hoffmann-La Roche, the maker of Rohypnol, said the drug does not deserve a more restrictive classification.

"There have been numerous studies and testimony that show it is no more likely to be abused and misused than any drug in its class," she said. "The main argument is that it's the criminal that commits the act, not the product."

Saffian said her company is working on engineering Rohypnol tablets to release a blue dye when dissolved in liquid.

But officials such as Good say it doesn't make sense to classify the drug in Schedule Four when the FDA doesn't allow it for medicinal uses in this country.

If the House passes Bankes' bill, the drugs' classification may be altered in the Senate.

Sen. William Van Regenmorter (R-Hudsonville) said the Judiciary

Committee he chairs will reconsider the drug's classification. "If there is a legitimate use for the drug which cannot be duplicated by other drugs, then there may be an argument for making it available by prescription only. If not, it should be a Schedule One drug."

Meanwhile, the drugs remain hard to combat.

For officials and victims, the biggest problem is the stigma attached to rape. It is hard to gauge the impact and spread of these drugs because many incidents go unreported.

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Grayling police officer given leave of absence

A two-week leave of absence was granted by Grayling City Council Dec. 8 for Police Officer Bob Butzin, who wants to go to Russia on a Christian mission.

Chief Pete Stephan opposed granting the unpaid leave.

Mayor Ralph Stevens said that when someone is "considered a good employee, and we have the chance to do him a favor, I have a hard time turning him down."

Council member D. J. Brown

said that a trip that far must be planned well in advance, and suggested Butzin should have planned ahead to use his vacation time for it.

The city has a policy on unpaid leaves of absence, City Manager Jerry W. Morford said, but so far no city employee has ever asked for one.

On Stevens' motion, the council voted 4-1 to grant the leave, with Brown opposed.

The trip to Russia is scheduled in late January.

River House Shelter gives tour

by: Janice L. Cherup,
Community Education/Volunteer
Program Coordinator

It has been 10 years since River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services opened its doors in Grayling. Since 1997 is an anniversary year for River House, the staff and new director, Marilyn Madison, thought it would be nice to open up the shelter and offer a tour. So, on November 11th and 12th, River House opened its doors to area agencies in its first ever, "shelter tour."

Area agency representatives had the opportunity to meet with staff and talk with them concerning services provided by the program. It is important to remember that River House Shelter is not just "a shelter," but an agency that offers "Domestic Crisis Services," just as the name implies, "River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services."

River House offers a variety of services that are both residential and non-residential. These services include: client support groups, legal/court services (which includes the Alternatives To Abuse Program/ATAP, a court ordered program for men who batter), community education, volunteer program, sexual assault services/rape response team, and a youth outreach program that is working in the area school systems.

These services, when combined with other county resources, attempt to bridge the "gaps" often

associated with family displacement in order to ease the transition into independent living. This includes access to resources to find employment, transportation, day care, or any other issue that may keep an individual from re-entering the work place and becoming self-sufficient.

The agency representatives that attended the open house stated that they were "impressed" with the variety of services offered, and admitted to being curious about what the shelter actually looked like. It is hard to refer clients to a program if you cannot convey to them what it really looks like, or feels like inside of the agency itself. Now, providers will be in a better position from which to make referrals to River House, having had a first hand look at the shelter itself, and the variety of programs offered.

River House also accepts donations with which to assist our families with relocation, if relocation becomes a reality for them. Many times a family finds it necessary to move to another area or from their existing residence. Think about having to start over again from scratch! No stove, refrigerator, kitchen table or chairs, beds, linens, dishes, towels, clothing or toys for the kids. Moving, in and of itself, can be overwhelming, but imagine not having anything with which to set up a new residence! The items donated to River House help meet these needs. Please contact Debbie

between the hours of 12:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday if you would like to donate items.

The holiday season also brings with it special problems for our families. Many of our families will be unable to have any kind of Christmas. If you are interested in the River House "Holiday Wish List" please call Michele, in the business office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and request a copy.

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services covers four counties of central lower Michigan with its services for families, women, and children. The River House crisis/support line, 517-348-8972 operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with collect calls accepted. A family or individual can call at any time to access services whether for residential or nonresidential needs. The business line, 517-348-3169 is in service from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you or someone you know is involved in an abusive relationship (verbal, emotional, mental, physical, or sexual), River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services is available with its services 24-hours a day, seven days a week. River House continues to serve the needs of families, women, and children in four counties: Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Oscoda.

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by Tracie Compton

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Non fiction: *Gift of Fear* by Gavin De Becker, *Blind Vengeance* by Ray Jenkins, *Don't be Afraid to Discipline* by Ruth Peters, *Fellowship of Valor* by Joseph Alexander, *Hot Flash Cookbook* by Cathy Luchetti, *Gold Rush Women* by Claire R. Murphy, *Bestseller, Secrets of Successful Writing* by Celia Brayfield, *Canine Good Citizen* by Joachim Volhard, *Instant Analysis* by David J. Lieberman, *Oscar Stars from A-Z* by Roy Pickard, *Book by Whoopee Goldberg, Into the Twilight* by Patrick McManus, and *Tall Blondes* by Lynn Sher.

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Hours at the Frederic Community Library are Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The phone number is 348-4607.

Margaret Mildred Douglas

Margaret Mildred Douglas passed away at Bortz Health Center, Traverse City, Michigan, Dec. 7, 1997.

A long-time Grayling teacher, Margaret was born in Grayling on Sep. 27, 1903, the daughter of local businessman, T.E. Douglas and Martha M. (Husted) Douglas.

In about 1913, the family moved to Lovells, Mich., where her father had a lumber mill and general store, along with a small hotel. In 1916, a large new addition was built, and became widely known as the North Branch Outing Club, a private fishing and hunting group. Later, this became known as the Douglas Hotel.

After graduating from West Branch High School, Margaret attended Olivet College, and graduated from Ypsilanti as a teacher. She later received her B.A. degree from Central Michigan University.

She taught one year at West Branch, thirty-seven years at Grayling, and then finished out her career teaching four years at St. Mary's of Gaylord; retiring in 1971.

During all of her teaching years, she also helped operate the Douglas Hotel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, T. Edgar Douglas, and her nephew, James C. Douglas.

Survivors are her nephew, Thomas E. Douglas and his wife, Geneva of Traverse City, their children: Sylvia and Thomas Zamoyski, Tomas and Karen Douglas, Stephen and Deborah Douglas, Yvonne and James Jipping, Jerome and Rose Douglas, and Mary and Sean Burns; grand nieces, Theresa and Brady Crawfis, also, 16 great-grand nieces and nephews—all of whom treasured her as a beloved member of the family.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Walter W. Randolph, Jr.

Dr. Walter W. Randolph, Jr., 65, passed away Dec. 5, 1997 at his home in Delaware, Ohio after a short illness. He was born in Toledo, Ohio to Dr. Walter and Della (Watson) Randolph. He attended Culver Military Academy and graduated in 1950. He went on to receive his B.S. at Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 1954. While at Denison he was an active member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity as well as the national premed fraternity Alpha Epsilon Delta. He received his Doctor of Medicine from Ohio State University in 1958 where he was also a member of Nu Sigma Nu. Dr. Randolph went on to perform his residency in Pathology at Cincinnati General Hospital and Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio receiving his board certification in 1963.

Dr. Randolph served in the Medical Corps of the Ohio National Guard from 1959 to 1967 reaching the rank of Major. Dr. Randolph was on staff at Fremont Memorial Hospital, Fostoria City Hospital, Bellevue Hospital and Magruder Hospital before retiring in 1993. He was a past president and fellow of the College of American Pathologists and the former Chief of Staff at Fostoria City Hospital. He was a member of multiple other professional organizations including the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, American Pathology Foundation, American Medical Association, Ohio State Medical Association and the Sandusky County Medical Society. Recently, he had been teaching pathology at the Ohio State University School of Medicine.

"Woody", as his friends knew him, lived in Fremont, Ohio for 30 years. He was very active in the Boy Scouts serving as both a scoutmaster and district counselor. One of his greatest joys was bird watching and he was an active member of the Audubon Society. In his spare time he loved to work in his greenhouse. He especially enjoyed cultivating chili peppers and making salsas for his friends. He was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who enjoyed fly fishing, canoeing and hiking.

He is survived by two daughters: Geneva Sisson of Santa Rosa, Calif. and Sandra Graf of Morenci; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Riddle of Grayling; 8 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

One son, Norman Riddle, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8, 1997 at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Kalkaska with Rev. Paul Karges officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

The family suggests memorial gifts be directed to the American Heart Association.

Henry J. (Jim) Stephan

Henry J. (Jim) Stephan, formerly of Grayling died on Nov. 27, 1997, in Thorntown, Ind. where he has lived for the past 27 years with his wife Becky (Stockton) Stephan.

He was born in Grayling on July 23, 1936 to Henry E. and Eva L. (Smith) Stephan.

The funeral was held on Monday, Dec. 1, 1997 at Russel and Hitch Funeral Home in Thorntown, Ind. Burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery Thorntown, Ind.

He is survived by his wife Becky (Stockton) Stephan, one son, Andy Stephan, one granddaughter, Tawin; two brothers: Robert and Evie Stephan, and Lawrence and Linda Stephan of Grayling; three sisters: Sue and Mark King of Tazewell, Tenn., Zoe and John Horcha of Grand Blanc, and Janet C. and Michael Gorman of Dimondale; half-sister, Katherine Mitchell of Holt; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Eva Stephan and Brother William (Bill) Charles Stephan.

John D. Compton

John D. Compton, 68, of Kalkaska passed away Dec. 4, 1997, at his home.

Mr. Compton resided in Flint prior to moving to Kalkaska in 1958. He was the former owner of Compton Accounting, and was a member of the Independent Accountants Association of Michigan. He enjoyed reading, science fiction, traveling, animals, camping, auctions, and garage sales.

Mr. Compton was born in Flint to James and Rhonda MacKenzie Compton on Feb. 23, 1929. On Nov. 22, 1952, in Flint, he married Jean Taylor who preceded him in death on May 24, 1992.

He is survived by two daughters: Geneva Sisson of Santa Rosa, Calif. and Sandra Graf of Morenci; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Riddle of Grayling; 8 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

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Margaret E. Wieland

Margaret E. Wieland, 80, of Standish passed away Dec. 1, 1997.

She was born in Lansing to Max and Jennie (Kimball) Zechinato on Nov. 25, 1917.

Mrs. Wieland is survived by her husband, Albert F. Wieland of Standish; two daughters: Tanya J. and Orlin Peltz of Grayling and Judith L. and William Mittig of Lupton; son, Michael R. and Elizabeth Wieland of Grayling; brother, Max Zechinato of Dimondale; half-sister, Katherine Mitchell of Holt; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Max and Jennie (Kimball) Zechinato; half-sister, Gertrude Miske; and half-brother, Kenneth Morris.

Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Dec. 20, 1997 at Lee-Ramsey Funeral Home, Pinconning with Reverend Jerry Hunter officiating.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

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*laundry bleach

*rolls of quarters for use at the laundromat

*dog toys (rubber, squeaky type)

*cat toys (catnip type)

*kitty litter

*cash donations

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*toilet paper

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The shelter could also use:

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*paper toweling

*particle board

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*large plastic tarps

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*soft soap (anti-bacterial kind)

*snow shovel

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Call the shelter at 348-4117 to arrange to drop off your donations. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mondays-Saturdays, and 8-11 a.m. on Sundays. It is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East).

The shelter always needs good volunteers — on a one-time or a regular basis — in the mornings from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

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Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park ready to open its 68th season

by Cindy Olson

Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park in Grayling is preparing to open for its 68th season.

Located three miles west of Grayling, Hanson Hills offers a comprehensive winter experience for all ages and interests, with eight runs for downhill skiing, half pipe for snowboarding, 35 km of beautiful, wooded cross country trails, a tubing hill, an ice skating rink, snack bar and horse drawn sleigh rides.

Hanson Hills' 35 km of cross country terrain can be enjoyed by beginner to expert skiers. Children 12 and under ski free. The cross country lodge will be open on Thursday and Friday this season from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Costs are \$5 trail fee and \$5 rental. Extensive work has been done on the cross country trail system widening and leveling areas in order to assure excellent early and late season skiing.

The downhill area is serviced by four lifts and has a snack bar and warming house. Hanson Hills' downhill area is best suited for beginner and intermediate skiing and snowboarding ability.

The regulation hockey size rink was new in the 1996-97 season. Work is being done to secure donations to buy the equipment needed to maintain the rink. Private or four week block of lessons are available.

Short said applicant response for help has been excellent. Parents Paul and Helen Short were on hand to give him a hand, and the family has done nearly all of the interior remodeling of the store, including the plastering and painting.

Other area contractors for the store have been Charles Plumbing of Grayling, Schoen Construction and Sunrise Electrical of Gaylord.

MILITARY NEWS

Grayling Marine finishes training

Marine Pvt. Paul A. Reichelderfer, son of Frederic A. and Martha Reichelderfer of Grayling, recently completed basic training at Mainre Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Reichelderfer successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Reichelderfer joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School.

for ice skating.

The sledding and tubing hill is near the downhill area. Tube sledding free of charge. Sledders may bring their own gear, but metal runners are not allowed.

Horse drawn sleigh rides round out the Winter Park offering rides on Saturdays begin at 4 p.m. The sleigh ride lasts about 45 minutes and costs \$5 per person.

Group rates and rental equipment are available for cross country and downhill skiing, snowboarding and tubing.

Hanson Hills will be open for downhill skiing Thursdays and Fridays 3 p.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Special Events at Hanson Hills this winter include Family Fun Night on Jan. 9 with \$5 downhill lift tickets for a family of up to six people, a meal deal in the snack bar and seat ski demos.

On Jan. 10 Hanson Hills will have seat ski demos.

January 17 and 18 is Michigan Cup Marathon Weekend with a 30 km, 15 km, and 10 km freestyle cross country races on Saturday and the 12 km and 6 km Classical races on Sunday.

February 6, 7, and 8 is the Winter Wolf Festival with many fun events and competitions all weekend.

Hanson Hills is operated by Grayling Recreation Authority.

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Marathon Memories now in print

Fifty years of AuSable Marathon memories fill the pages of "Experience The Tradition... The First Fifty Years." This keepsake book features hundreds of photographs of marathon contestants, fans and volunteers. Year-by-year accounts of all 50 Marathons, interviews with racers and accurate statistics complete this hard-bound book.

Demand for the book is so high that more than half of the 1,000 limited-edition copies are already sold. Only a limited supply remain. Buy your copy today (\$40 each) at the following Marathon merchandise locations:

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Or call the Marathon office at (517) 348-4425 and leave a message.

"Experience The Tradition... The First Fifty Years" is sponsored by Spike's Keg O'Nails, Grayling, Mich., home of the famous Spike Burger.

Have your Marathon book signed by local paddlers on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the race office in the Grayling Mini Mall. Additional books will be on sale at that time.

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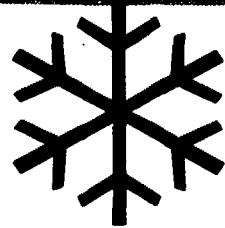
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Grayling Junior Miss 1998 pageant continues to evolve

by Shirley D. Schmoock

Special Writer

Replicating the 1929 Grayling Winter Sports Park and the attendant carnival activities would be to visit the Kerry-Hanson mills or take a toboggan ride. Neither can be done. The community has changed.

Continuing a tradition like the yearly selection of a Winter Carnival Queen and her court has necessarily been colored by many changes. But, select a queen we do, and it's done with gusto and a great deal of fun.

The 1998 American Business Women's Association scholarship program recalls nothing of the earlier pageants, except requiring excellence of character and intelligence from the contestants. That aspect of the requirements will hopefully never change. And, perhaps that's what selecting a queen — a local ambassador, actually — is really all about. The pageant will be held Feb. 7, 1998.

"Commitment and dedication" are two words commonly used by the pageants' director, Sandra Moore. When she refers to the Junior Miss contestants, she speaks of their "spirit and vitality."

These are another pair of words that come to mind watching the competitors work to become a team. They must perform in unison on special pageant routines. Together they labor and laugh in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse, under the direction of fitness instructors, Cathy Hehir and Theresa Furst.

Many specific rules and guidelines must be followed, like having a minimum 2.5 grade average. Each young woman must also be a Crawford County high school junior. Two of the 13 contestants are

being home schooled, but as high school juniors, they qualify for the program. Scholarship monies will be awarded in the amount of \$1,750 to the winning young women.

Orientation for the pageant was held in early November of this year at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Grayling. The contestants met to review the rules and discuss the evaluation process by which the local queen will eventually be chosen.

Subdivisions of the total evaluation process of the future queen are: Panel Evaluation, Scholastic Achievement, Creative and Performing, Fitness, and Poise and Appearance. In the Panel Evaluation alone are requirements such as perception — the ability to think and reason. Personality — qualities of behavior as expressed by physical and mental activities, attitude — as demonstrated by self assurance, sincerity, spontaneity, attention and warmth.

The list goes on, of course. But the overall score, based upon numerous areas of interest, intellect, talent, and even writing skills and personal creativity, will be weighted and considered before choosing the local young lady who will reign as Grayling's Junior Miss for 1998. The Junior Miss will also be eligible for the Miss Michigan Pageant.

The schedule of activities each contestant will somehow manage to attend will be a bit of a stretch for any busy student this time of year. Some of them work, some are in extra curricular activities like cheerleading and band, while others have distance and family to mix into this very active equation.

But they'll all do it — One by one or three by three. At the Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Grayling Women's Promotional Association on Dec. 6, at St. Mary's Church, the queen's contestants were scheduled in shifts to work the breakfast, and they juggled trays and did whatever needed doing.

"They were such great workers," said Gail Swope, dining room chair for this year's event at St. Mary's. "Especially those first three girls. They worked the hardest, because that's when most of the people came to eat. Things got a little crazy for awhile, but they certainly didn't need to be told twice to do something. They just pitched right in and did it. They really were great."

They've also helped serve Thanksgiving dinner at the American Legion and joined the Grayling Promotional Association singers during the Christmas Walk. Their hayride — more of a fun time than a work detail — is due to take place at Camp AuSable on Dec. 16.

These students also must continue with schoolwork, as well as make pageant meetings and workshops. The dance and fitness routines take stamina and lots of energy. But as they rehearse with Louise Tournaud at her dance studio, study their lines and position, and try to absorb the various beauty and poise tips from Ms. Moore and her coordinators, Jodi Potter and Christ Ostwald, their everyday life must go on.

But, as their motto has become — coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success — their ultimate goal must be to achieve a high level of dignity and grace... win or lose.



PAGEANT NEARS — The 1998 Grayling Junior Miss Pageant is fast approaching. Principals include (back row, from left) Heather Bonamie, Jessie Becks, Heide Wallace, Sara Bassett. Center row: Sandra Moore, Pageant director; candidates Crystal Pilon, Kristin Kearney, Sarah Kaiser, Jamie Anderson. Front row: Candidates Christa Gothro, Emily Weaver, Jean Zelek, Brie Blaauw. In the center is Melissa Ostwald, 1997 Junior Miss Grayling. Absent from the photo is candidate Jenny French. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.



EARLIER QUEENS — The 1938 Queen and her court were all senior high students. Left to right, standing: Norberta Weiss, Francis Ensminger, Lora Johnson, Rose Brelski. Kneeling: Ruth Benware and Gerrine Peterson, with Queen Naomi Wheeler standing between them. Photo courtesy of Crawford County Museum.

Two authors, canoeers will sign book on history of AuSable race

The AuSable Marathon commemorative album "Experience The Tradition - The First Fifty Years of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon" has received rave reviews from many of those who have received their copy.

Authors Nancy Lemmen and Jon Thompson, with support from Marathon historian John B. Cook, have filled the book with interesting stories, pictures and race statistics.

The two Grayling authors plus Marathon competitors past and present are expected to be on hand for a book signing reception from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon office in the Grayling Mini-Mall.

"There has always been a special connection between the Marathon and its fans," commented Marathon merchandise chair Phil Weiler. "We thought that local residents and fans would appreciate the opportunity to have the authors and Marathon paddlers inscribe this commemorative album."

Weiler indicated that the committee is also looking into the possibility of organizing another book signing at Spike's Keg O'Nails during Marathon week this coming summer. Publication of the limited edition 175 page album was underwritten in part by Spike's.

According to Marathon-committee album coordinator Marcia

Koppa, well over half of the limited edition of the 175 page album have already been sold; 1,000 were printed.

"We are completing the distribution of books that were pre-ordered and new sales have been brisk since they arrived," she commented.

In addition to Saturday's book signing at the Marathon office, the book can be purchased for \$40 at: The Icehouse, J Dap (J C Penney's), Cartwright & Danewell and Ray's Canoeing & The Fly Factory.

Proceeds from sales of the book help support staging and promotion of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.



FIRST WINNERS — Allen Carr and Delbert Case each received \$500 as winners of the first AuSable Canoe Marathon in 1947. History of the first 50 years of the canoe marathon is traced in the new book prepared by Jon Thompson and Nancy Lemmen, both of Grayling.



1997 GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PLAY — (Front row, left to right) James Jones, Jenny French, (Second row) Sonya Saladine, Maryann Sirrine, Jared Armstrong, Christina Kenney, Ryan Gaffke, Crystal Pilon, Colin Hunter, Angie Fisher, Michelle Stepp, (Back row) Kira Maples, Heidi Everson, Allison Pettyjohn, Jessica Holzbauer, Jessie Weaver, Rob Lawe, Ben Mallory, John McNamara, Sara Basset, Heide Wallace, Samantha Millikin and Joe Pilon. Photo by Dawn Workman.

Cast and crew ready to perform

by Dawn Workman

Special Writer

The cast and crew of the Grayling High School Senior Play, "You Can't Take it With You," is ready to go this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The play was scheduled to be performed on Nov. 20-22, but the faculty member assigned to drama duty resigned before the fall term began.

A new director was hired, Stacey Rosin-Gay. She is originally from the Grayling area. Her previous experience includes performances with the Young Americans theater company.

Two years ago she was the music director for the GHS musical, "A Knight in Rusty Armor." Last year she directed the Grayling Middle School production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

This year's production of "You Can't Take it With You" is a 1940s comedy written by Moss Hart and George Kaufman. It was originally performed on Broadway, produced by Sam Harris. It was also a movie

starring Jimmy Stewart. His performance was part of what inspired Rosin-Gay to choose this play.

The story line follows an eccentric

played by Colin Hunter. When it comes time for the two different families to meet, it is an unforgettable melding of two entirely different worlds.

Other lead roles include Grandpa, played by Jared Armstrong; Paul, played by Ryan Gaffke; Kolenkow, played by Ben Mallory; and Penny played by Christina Kenney.

"It's madcap, it's really funny," said director Rosin-Gay.

Costumes, as they have been for years now, have been provided by Marti Gosling and Bonnie French of the Grayling Arts Council.

Performances will take place on Dec. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Strip Auditorium. Tickets will go on sale at the door at 6:30 p.m.

A special matinee will be performed on Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. Admission will be a donation of canned goods to be used in Christmas food baskets distributed by local churches.

About 35 students make up the cast and crew.

Stacey Rosin-Gay

family whose only mission in life is to be happy. Only one member of the family, Alice played by Crystal Pilon, works. She falls in love with the son of a Wall Street tycoon, Tony

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Weekly Update

For the first time in a few years it looks like we may have a good black powder season, which by the way, will start this Friday, December 12th. So far the snow conditions seem good and the temps are warm so maybe the bucks haven't lost their horns yet. Also some of the does are still in heat. This will last a week or two yet!! So grunting and rattling will continue to work throughout this month.

Also, the bow hunters should do well right on through Christmas.

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HELP FROM TOP — Rich Moffit, Grayling High School varsity basketball coach (left) is helping young basketball players learn the game in the Grayling Recreation Authority program. Some members of the varsity Viking team are helping, too.

GRA boys hoop program now underway

Grayling Recreation Authority boys' basketball camp Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Grayling Middle School gym with 140 participants.

The third through sixth grade programs are being coached by Rich Moffit, the Grayling High School boys basketball coach, and many of the Varsity players. Many volunteers are also involved in the program, helping in positions ranging from score keeping, refereeing, and concessions.

The third through sixth grade program last one and a half hours with the first 30 minutes being drills and fundamental skill building exercises. The last hour the boys are divided into teams and play games. Third and fourth grades meet from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and the fifth and sixth grades meet from 8:50 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The kindergarten to second grade program is from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and stresses skill development. This program is overseen by volunteers.

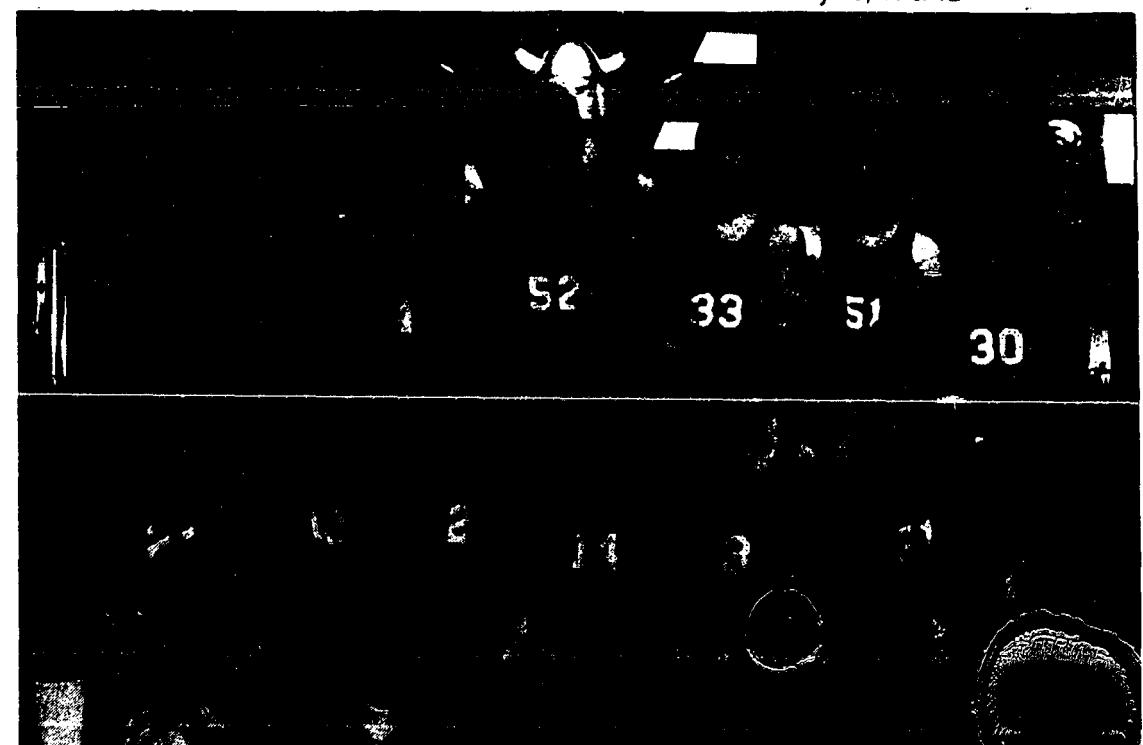
Boys' basketball camp will be a seven week program and will include a day at Roscommon playing the Roscommon third through sixth grade boys.



8TH GRADE WHITE TEAM — L to R Front - Chris Barrows, Ryan Mirate, Justin Fenn, Chet Wheeler, Randy Ford, Craig Enlow. Back - Coach Duane VanDrese, Marvin Forbes, Larry Bayham, Brandon Gorr, Chris McLean, Mike Eagan, Nate Frankina, Ryan Stahl, Juell Joseph. Missing: T.J. Johnson.

8th Grade Basketball White Team

Date	Opponent	Date	Time
December 15	Surline	H	5:15
December 17	Houghton Lake	H	5:00
January 7	Houghton Lake	A	5:00
January 12	Gaylord	H	5:00
January 14	Roscommon	A	5:00
January 19	Gaylord	A	5:00
January 21	Roscommon	H	5:00
January 26	Kalkaska	A	5:15
January 29	Surline	A	5:15
February 2	Gladwin	A	5:00
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8TH GRADE GREEN TEAM — L to R Front - Matt Kersey, Nick D'Amour, R.J. Schmidt, Scott Latusek, Scott Bearss, Mike Hale. Back - Coach Bob Gorski, Wes Fox, Rick Riggs, Robert Hudson, Justin Schreiber, Ryan Swope. Missing: Jimi Welch, Kalub Fedak, Bob Collins, Jody Love, and John Bancroft.

Date	Opponent	Date	Time
December 15	Surline	H	5:15
December 18	Gladwin	H	6:00
January 5	Tawas	H	5:00
January 12	Gaylord	H	5:00
January 14	Roscommon	A	5:00
January 19	Gaylord	A	5:00
January 21	Roscommon	H	5:00
January 29	Surline	A	5:15
February 2	Gladwin	A	5:00
February 5	Tawas	A	5:00
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8th Grade Basketball Green Team

Grayling football players receive honors

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

Five Grayling Vikings Varsity football players recently received honors from their conference, the North Eastern Michigan Conference (NEMC).

Among the winners of the awards were: Nate Beckwith for his excellent play at quarterback, Nate Hinkle for his wide receiver dominance, Jessie Hannum for his consistency at running back, Travis Parkinson for his ability to cover enemy receivers at defensive back, and Travis Beckett for his iron man play on both sides of the ball (offensive tackle and linebacker). All of these players received "All-conference honorable mention" in the NEMC.

Coach Rodney Patterson elaborated on how players are nominated for individual awards.

"The top players at each position are chosen to receive awards based on their personal statistics. The

coaches in the NEMC then vote for the first team offense and defense, and all nominated players who did not receive a first team award get an honorable mention award," Patterson said.

The new conference offered much more competition to the Vikings than the Jack Pine Conference, which they left. This is demonstrated by the fact that Standish-Sterling, an NEMC team, made it to the second round of the state playoffs, while Ogemaw Heights, another NEMC team, won the class BB state championship.

Coach Patterson commented that, "Having both of those teams do well in the playoffs shows the level of competition we are up against."

Patterson also said, "If we can increase the number of players on our teams, and especially if we can get a freshman team next year, we will be taking big steps in becoming a better program capable of producing better players."

Viking girls future: Great expectations

Followers of Grayling High School girls basketball programs can only echo that famous sports fan's cry of 'just wait 'til next year.'

Viking fans will add...and the year after that...and the year after that...and then some.

Not only did Coach Chris Dunkley's 1997 version of female Viking hoops wind up with a more-than-respectable 14-7 season record, it looks like things can only get better in the future.

Eight girls are due back from this year's squad, including three starters.

Then there's the JV team, which wound up 14-2 under Coach Tom Trudgeon.

There's more: The Freshman Vikings of Coach Jiminy Parker compiled a 16-2 record.

And down on the farm, the seventh and eighth grade teams wound up the year with a winning percentage of 85 percent.



Erin Mills

Here's a rundown on this year's starting five:



Gone next season through graduation will be seniors Erin Mills and Amy Godlewski.

Mills was the team's top rebounder averaging 7 per game. She also added 5.1 average points per game, 1.3 steals and 1.0 assists.



Amy Godlewski

Godlewski racked up a 9.1 points per game scoring average, with 2.8 rebounds per game, 3.3 steals and 3.2 assists.

Juniors Mandy Trudgeon and Mary Dobry will be back next year.

Trudgeon topped all Vikings in assists by a large margin, averaging 10.2 per game. She also contributed 6.5 steals per game, 4.1 rebounds and 5.9 points per game.



Mandy Trudgeon

Dobry was second leading scorer with 9.2 per game, and second leading rebounder with 6.3, and contributed 4.0 assists and 3.7 steals.



Mary Dobry

Freshman Brandy Ritter racked up impressive statistics. She led the team in scoring with 15.8 per game, and in steals with 6.6 per game. She snared 3.1 rebounds and made 4.0 assists per game.



Brandi Ritter

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TOP DEFENDER — Michael Hartman (left) receives a plaque from Mark Turnball, defensive coach at Adrian College, recognizing Hartman's gridiron contributions.

Grayling's Michael Hartman stars defensively for MIAA champions

Michael Hartman, a senior at Adrian College, has been honored for his work as a defensive standout for Adrian College, football champion in the MIAA's 100th year of gridiron competition.

Hartman has completed four years of football, playing defensive back for the Bulldogs. In Adrian's last game of the season against Kalamazoo College, Michael led

the Adrian defense with nine tackles. In an earlier game, he was honored as Defensive Player of the Week.

A 1994 graduate of Grayling High School, Hartman also is a member of the Adrian track team. He is the son of John and Sharon Hartman of Beaver Creek Township.

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Grayling High School powerlifters earn shirts

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Grayling High School students involved in the Strength and Conditioning classes compete with themselves on a monthly basis to earn powerlifting shirts.

These shirts mean more than just what is printed on them; they are a tribute to dedication, hard work, and consistency within the Strength and Conditioning program.

To earn a powerlifting shirt, male students must lift 225, 250, 275, 300 or 375, and female students must lift 125, 135, 145, 155 or 175. Each shirt is fashioned with the maximum weight each individual student can lift, and the Grayling High School "Powerlifter" logo.

The shirts, which were designed by Strength and Conditioning teacher Rodney Patterson, were designed to encourage students to work hard, and when they did, to give recognition of what the students have accomplished.

Brad Wilson, one of the many students who received a shirt said, "My max went up 65 lbs. in three months, because I wanted to earn a higher shirt. Earning the shirt adds incentive to working, and the shirts help in all areas of life, from sports to self-esteem."

The Booster Club of Grayling is responsible for starting off the powerlifting program by providing the facility and equipment for the students.

NOVEMBER WINNERS — Grayling High School power lifters who qualified for awards in November included: Front row, left to right: Jayne Potter, Mary Fisher, Shannon Angelbrant, Nicole Craigie, Carrie Hatfield, Cassy Maples, Amy Godlewski. Center row: Josh Sheldon, Eric Deline, Otto Medeiros, Shane Colby, Chris Peters, Chad Ellis, Josh Quintano. Back row: Nate Niederer, Travis Beckett, Sean Mitchell, Brad Wilson, Nate Beckwith, James Kelly, Travis Pearl, Mark Kiefer, Brad Ritter, James Kerr, Eric Albright, Rodney Silk, Shawn Ashworth, Charles DeMoines. Photo by Linda Golnick.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Senior Citizens League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	32 1/2-23 1/2
Stevens Family Circle	32-24
Buccilli's Pizza	30-226
Baynham Wood Products	29-27
Cornell Realty	27-29
Totten's Body Shop	25 1/2-30 1/2
Sylvester's Sports	25-31
Flowers by Josie	23-33
Men's High Game: R. Dandy, 200; L. Essiambre, 191; O. Brantley, 189.	
Men's High Series: D. Germain, 525; K. Harris, 514; G. Wolfe, 505.	
Women's High Game: R. Joyce, 201; P. Harris, 172; D. Burwick, 169.	
Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 520; D. Mead, 446; P. Harris, 445.	

Recreation League

Mickey Perez CPA	36-20
Fun-N-Sun Rental	31-25
Cornell's	29-27
Glen's Market	28-28
Peterson Saw Service	27-29
North Country R.V.	26-30
Scheer Motors	24-32
Mark 8	23-33
High Game: D. Lobsinger, L. Dollar, 214; A. Mastej, 202; D. Mead, 201.	
High Series: L. Dollar, 555; N. Root, 543; D. Armstrong, 535.	

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them	41-11
Computer Services	35-17
M.M.L.D.	32-24
C.S.I.	31-25
R & M Masonry	31-25
Gary's Drywall	22-34
Suttles Truck Leasing	19-37
Bye	9-47
Men's High Game: R. Mosher, 209; R. Pyle, 194; R. Atkinson, 193.	
Men's High Series: R. Mosher, 570; R. Atkinson, 538; B. Starks, 500.	
Women's High Game: M. Starks, 207; N. Glassie, 204, 201; M. Miller, 203.	
Women's High Series: N. Glassie, 561; M. Miller, 511; M. Hawkins, 456.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Moshier Auto Repair	43-13
Charlies Country Corner	35-21
AJD Forest Products	31 1/2-24 1/2
Suttles	26-30
A. Bulldog Towing	25 1/2-30 1/2
Aunt Betty's	24 1/2-31 1/2
Fick & Sons	22-34
Sawmill	16 1/2-39 1/2
Men's High Game: L. Helsel, 208; R. Buskirk, 203, 201; M. Campbell, 201.	
Men's High Series: R. Buskirk, 605; L. Helsel, 570; M. Campbell, 502.	
Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 197, 186; Y. Schreiber, 195; S. Rioux, 183.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 549; Y. Schreiber, 494; K. Trudeau, 493.	

Triangle League

Milltown Carpet	40-16
Jackson Trio	35-21
C.S.I.	31-25
Airway Automation	30-26
Moshier Auto	28 1/2-27 1/2
Cai Schreiber Bldr	27-29
A Team	16-40
Barber Construction	15 1/2-40 1/2
High Game: T. Everly, 242, 205; A. Angove, 203; R. Moshier, 203.	
High Series: T. Everly, 617; R. Moshier, 547; R. Schreiber, 541.	

American Men's League

McLean's Acc	30-12
Burnsidi RV	27-15
Auto Parts	25-17
Fenton's Auto	22-20
Northwood Land	21-21
Upper Lakes	18-24
Stitches by Sue	13-29
Red Barn	12-30
High Game: L. Davis, 246; Larry Davis, 227; P. Faustman, 202.	
High Series: L. Davis, 630; Larry Davis, 589; T. Kotash, 567.	

Northwood League	36
Millikin's	32 1/2
Rochette's	32
Wakeley's Auto Parts	29
Forest Brothers	29
Legion & D. Ross Const	25
City Environmental	23
Weyerhaeuser	20
Guns & Grub	17
High Game: J. Joseph, C. Golnick, 213; M. Barr, T. Kotash, 204; M. Ashworth, 203.	
High Series: C. Golnick, 592; M. Barr, 572; T. Kotash, 556.	
High Series: S. France, 539; N. Tanski, 513; L. Dannenberg, 499.	

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE

The Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission office will be closed on December 11, 1997. Staff will be attending a conference in Lansing on this day.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

North Central Community Mental Health, Val Bishop, Residential Division Director, will receive sealed bids for the construction and completion of a new CLF home located at 200 Toepper Road, Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629.

Interested parties may pick up a copy of the Advertisement For Bids and sign up for a bid package at 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, Michigan. Parties must sign up by December 17, 1997, to receive a bid package.

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NOTICE
POSITION ON THE CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications from county residents interested in serving on the County Planning Commission. This appointment requires attendance of monthly meetings to discuss community issues which encompass the planning and growth of our community. This appointment will require effort and dedication to achieve quality success in community requirements for Crawford County growth.

Applicants are to be residents of Crawford County and may submit applications now through December 15, 1997, to: Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting November 18, 1997

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wright at 7 p.m.

Members present: John Medler, Melvin Nunn, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright. Members Absent: None. Others present: Rick Davis, Mark Thompson, Marion Wright, Joe Ferrigan, Curt Marshall, Gordon Moore, Susan Moore, J. Ruth, Paul Olson, William Holburn, Bill Brooks, Dean Goss, Doug Dosson, Tom Hall, James Riley, Lance Koschital Pat and Monnie Nephew, Barb Minor, Joyce and Charles Easterly, Lawrence Hunter, Richard Gildner, Richard Steffen, Mike Hunter, Ernest Rasmussen, and Dan King.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
BUSINESS.

Representative of the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office, James E. Riley, and Lance Koschital, Regional Parks and Recreation Supervisor for MDNR, were present to discuss the Hall vs. Hanson litigation to maintain Northerly Boulevard (off N. Portage Ave. Sec. 15, T26N, R4W) as a public access to Lake Margrethe. Adjacent property owners, Hanson & Jerome, have petitioned for quiet title action to privatize.

Michigan Law states that the road end or access is under the Township's jurisdiction unless previous action has vacated the road. The Attorney General's Office recommends that Grayling Township intervene in the case if it desires to keep the road end public.

Motion by Ashton, supported by Medler, to affirm that Grayling Township does not intend to relinquish jurisdiction of any public road ends/access sites at Lake Margrethe nor has it vacated any portion of Northerly Boulevard and claims jurisdiction over the full width of the Northerly Boulevard as platted and hereby authorizes legal counsel to intervene in the litigation of Hall vs. Hanson regarding disposition of Northerly Boulevard on behalf of Grayling Township. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0; motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, seconded by O'Mara, to resolve to create a Special Assessment for Maintenance of Juniper Way, Sec. 9, T26N, R3W, authorize Supervisor to draw the Special Assessment Roll and schedule a Public Hearing of said Special Assessment Roll for Dec. 9, 1997, beginning at 8 p.m. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; motion carried.

CITIZENS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:
Rick Davis, Milltown Electric, stated he feels that two days a week are not sufficient for electrical inspection department even in winter months. Mark Thompson, electrical inspector, stated he is available at his home number at any time. Supervisor Wright will look into matter.

Bill Brooks asked if Building Permits were required to be displayed at building site. Yes. BUSINESS.

Supervisor provided copies of BS&A Software proposal for Assessing & Tax Dept. and draft of Grayling Township Recreation Plan to Board members for study prior to Dec. 9th meeting.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Medler, to change hospitalization and health insurance

by majority of property owners with frontage on Juniper Way, had been filed with the Township Board on Oct. 14, 1997. The petition requests maintenance, gravel, grading and snowplowing, of said road through creation of a Special Assessment District which would spread the cost among benefiting property owners.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive and review citizen comment regarding the necessity of creation of a Special Assessment District Maintenance of Juniper Way.

One bid on cost currently on file from Jack Millikin, Inc., for \$7,500.00 per year for five years or estimated \$312.00 per property owner per year.

Floor opened for comments:

Richard Steffen: In favor. Year around and seasonal residents should be assessed equally.

Barb Minor: In favor. Year around and seasonal assessed equally.

Pat & Monnie Nephew: In favor.

Ernest Rasmussen: In favor. Road soft, needs clay.

Dan King: In favor of maintenance but some trees need to be removed so sun can help dry up road during wet weather.

Mike Hunter was designated liaison, by following property owners, to work out concerns with contractor.

Charles Easterly: Against project.

Joyce Easterly: In favor of snowplowing but not other improvements.

If Assessment District is created subsequent to another public hearing on Dec. 9, 1997, and spread on the 1997 Winter Tax Billing, property owners will receive a second bill for the Special Assessment.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to close public hearing for Juniper Way and return to regular session. All ayes, motion carried.

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for employees from traditional Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Community Blue P.P.O., Option One, effective Feb. 1, 1998. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to celebrate "Make A Difference Day" by offering free recycling to Crawford County residents at the Grayling Township Recycling Center on N. Down River Road from 12:00 noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997. Ayes, 4; Nays, 1; motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to adopt Land Division Ordinance No. 97-8. An ordinance to regulate partitioning or division of parcels or tracts of land; enacted pursuant to the Township General Ordinance statute, to provide a procedure therefore; to repeal any ordinance or provision thereof in conflict herewith; and to prescribe penalties and enforcement remedies for the violation of this ordinance. Ordinance 97-8 to be a permanent part of the official copy of these minutes (See Appendix A) and to be published in the Crawford County Avalanche in its entirety on Nov. 26, 1997. Vote: O'Mara, aye; Ashton, aye; Medler, aye; Nunn, aye; Wright, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to pay Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce dues in amount of \$213.00. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to pay Grayling Township Fire Dept., encourage the Board to adopt the BOCA Fire Enforcement and Inspection Code and updated Board on Dry hydrant project.

Motion by Nunn, second by Ashton, to take action on adoption of the BOCA Fire Enforcement Code. All ayes, motion carried.

Board reviewed draft of Grayling Township Newsletter, 1st Edition. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to authorize Wright to proceed with publication and mailing of newsletter in December. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to accept the resignation of Tom Killoran from the Zoning Board of Appeals. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, to appoint Edgar E. Parks, 3839 Grove Street, Grayling to the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals. All ayes, motion carried.

The following resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, DUANE BROOKS became an employee of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 1960, and

WHEREAS, he has served his community with distinction and honor above and beyond the required call of duty for more than thirty-seven years as a fisheries assistant and fire officer, and

WHEREAS, he has faced the danger of forest fire many times in the dedication to saving the lives, properties and possessions of community residents and the natural resources

of our homeland, and
WHEREAS, he has regularly and unselfishly dedicated himself to a multitude of other community service projects, including more than twenty-eight years as a Grayling City and Township fireman, and

WHEREAS, he has been a valued community citizen, neighbor and friend to all he encountered.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees that, on behalf of the residents of Grayling Township, we hereby express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to DUANNE BROOKS and wish him the very best in his years of retirement.

Motion by Nunn, second by Nunn, to adopt the resolution. All ayes, motion carried.

Building Dept. report was read and placed on file.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to approve payment of bills on vouchers 19072 through 19134, Guardian Dental \$482.20, Jack Best \$90.00, Board & Comm. fees \$455.00 for a grand total of \$26,909.39. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn by O'Mara, carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.,

Grayling Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 97-5769-IE

Estate of William James Halliday, 377-24-8267.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 224 W. Park Drive, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died Oct. 18, 1997. An instrument dated Feb. 15, 1996 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, R. Dwight Hassan, 1399 Ginger Quill Drive, Grayling Michigan 49738 or both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY

Notice of Ordinance Adoption

Notice is hereby given that on April 26, 1996, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners adopted the following "Amended and Restated Ordinance Providing for the Disposal of Solid Waste in Crawford County."

EXHIBIT A

AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE to restrict disposal of refuse generated within the County of Crawford:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has, through Part 115 of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1995, mandated that cities, townships, villages, and counties shall assure that all Solid Waste is delivered to licensed solid waste disposal areas or otherwise legally disposed of; and

WHEREAS, Crawford County has an approved solid waste management plan as required by Part 115; and

WHEREAS, the County, in order to comply with the mandate of Part 115 and the provisions of the Plan, and to secure the health, safety, and general welfare of citizens of the County, has joined with certain municipalities located outside the County to incorporate the Crawford-Otsego Solid Waste Management Authority for the purpose of, among other things, providing the landfill for the use of municipalities incorporating the Authority and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the member local units of governments who have formed the Authority have by resolution agreed that a County Ordinance providing for the disposal of solid waste at the Crawford-Otsego Landfill is desirable; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 20, 1991, the County of Crawford entered into an agreement, along with the Authority and County of Otsego to sell the landfill and related assets to City Management Corporation or assigns; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the county that the operation and remediation of the Crawford-Otsego landfill and handling of wastes generated within the County by City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters is in the best interests of the citizens of Crawford County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY:

Section 1. Definitions:

"Authority" means the Crawford-Otsego Solid Waste Management Authority or its private successors.

"County" means the County of Crawford.

"Crawford-Otsego Landfill" means the solid waste processing facility/sanitary landfill located in the counties of Otsego and Crawford and owned and operated by City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters.

"Department" means Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"Effective Date" means the effective date of this Ordinance.

"Hazardous Waste" means hazardous waste as defined in Act No. 64 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1979, as amended from time to time, and as identified in administrative rules promulgated from time to time pursuant to said Act by the Director of the Department.

"Municipal Waste" means street cleaning, municipal sludges, demolished building material, trees, brush, leaves, stumps, asphalt, concrete, industrial ash from municipal facilities and other inert materials collected by employees or agents of a municipality.

"Person" means any individual, proprietorship, firm, public or private corporation, partnership, trust, public or private agency or any other entity, or group of such persons.

"Site-Separated Materials" means recyclable materials (including, but not limited to, bottles, cans, newspaper, corrugated containers, grass, leaves, brush, yard trimmings, and metals) that are separated from solid waste after collection from a site of generation by a waste hauler or by the operators of the Crawford-Otsego landfill to which it is delivered.

"Solid Waste" means garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator ash, incinerator residue, and industrial sludges, solid commercial and solid industrial waste, and animal waste generated in Crawford County provided, however, that this definition shall not include hazardous waste, municipal waste, non-acceptable landfill items, site-separate materials, source separated materials, human body waste, liquid or other waste regulated by statute, ferrous or nonferrous scrap directed to a scrap metal processor or to a reuser of ferrous or nonferrous products, and slag or slag products directed to a slag processor or to a reuser of slag or slag products.

"Source-Separated Materials" means recyclable materials (including, but not limited to, bottles, cans, newspapers, plastics, corrugated containers, metals, grass, leaves, brush, and yard trimmings) that are separated from solid waste prior to the collection of solid waste from a site of generation by a waste hauler.

"Unacceptable Landfill Items" means materials detrimental to the operation of the landfill, including but not limited to burning or smoldering materials or ash, tires, batteries, and cars.

Section 2. All solid waste shall be disposed of frequently enough to protect the public health.

Section 3. After the Effective Date, it shall be unlawful for any person residing in Crawford County to dispose of Solid Waste, other than by delivering or causing the delivery of Solid Waste to the Crawford-Otsego landfill, or a disposal facility located in any other state or country, or the Counties of Montmorency, Oscoda, Wexford, Chippewa or Charlevoix. This Section shall not apply to Hazardous Waste, Unacceptable Landfill items, waste generated by any person that is disposed of at its own sanitary landfill licensed pursuant to Part 115, Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, or waste which is permitted under state law or rules promulgated by the Department to be disposed of at the site of generation. Delivery of Hazardous Waste to the Crawford-Otsego landfill shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Upon a violation of any provision of this Ordinance, the County may seek criminal prosecution and may seek legal and/or equitable relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 5. Any person who shall violate a provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.00, or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of within Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Board of Commissioners of the County hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional. Future amendments to this Ordinance may exempt from the effect hereof types of Solid Waste or Solid Waste generators on the recommendation of the governing body of the Authority or its private successors, by category or classification of Solid Waste or Solid Waste generators.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this are hereby repealed.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be effective upon inclusion in the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan of the Flow Control mechanisms contemplated by this Ordinance and publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in Crawford County.

Sandra Moore

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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Crawford County Recycle Day Sunday, December 14, 1997

The Grayling Township Recycling Center Will Accept Recyclables From All Crawford County Residents on Dec. 14, 1997, from 10:00 to 6:00 pm

Paper - Newspapers, Magazines, Computer & Office Paper

Boxes - Corrugated Cardboard, Not Wax Coated

Glass - Clear, Green or Brown; Clean & Unbroken (labels are OK)

Plastics - Bev, Detergent Jugs, (No Oil Bottles), Clean Without Ring or Lid

Tim - Cans (No Paint or Aerosol Cans) Clean, Flattened, No Labels

Aluminum - Foil Wrap, Pans, Juice Cans - Clean & Flattened

Yard Waste - Leaves, Small Brush, Grass in bags

Non-Recyclable Items

Supported by Crawford County 4-H, Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling Township, GHS Student Senate, GHS Students & GMS Student Council. For More Information Call the 4-H Office 348-2844 ext. 266

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The Road Commission For Crawford County
Crawford County Michigan

Sealed Proposals will be received from contractors having current Michigan Department of Transportation prequalification, by The Road Commission For Crawford County, at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 1:00 p.m. local time on Friday, January 1

1. Detroit vs. Minnesota

(Bonus game worth 3 points)

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2. Washington vs. N.Y. Giants

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3. Pittsburgh vs. New England

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4. Dallas vs. Cincinnati

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5. Baltimore vs. Cincinnati

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6. Jacksonville vs. Buffalo

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7. Miami vs. Indianapolis

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8. Philadelphia vs. Atlanta

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Drink Specials Available



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Avalanche Football Contest

Brenda Curtis was the winner of week # 15, with a total of 20 correct. Rick Nash and Mary Ellen Swartz followed with 19 correct, with 11 more following with 18 correct. Out of 236 entries this week, only 12 people chose Indianapolis to beat the N.Y. Jets, and of the 14 people listed above, only two of those chose Indianapolis.

Overall leaders through Week #14

Julie Gates, 198
Donnie Forbes, 196
Jon Thompson, 193
Kim Schmidt, 192
Robert A. Gennrich, 191
Nancy Gingerick, 191
Mark Hartman, 191
Alf Svensen, 191



Last week's winners:

1. Miami (3 pts.) 10. Atlanta
2. Chicago 11. Indianapolis
3. Pittsburgh 12. San Francisco
4. Green Bay (2 pts.) 13. Washington
5. New England 14. Yes
6. N.Y. Giants 15. Navy (3 pts.)
7. Kansas City 16. Colorado St.
8. St. Louis 17. Tennessee
9. Baltimore 18. Nebraska

(print)
NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Signature _____

Week #16 for games played December 13 & 14

WINNER

ADVERTISER

Game 1 _____

Game 2 _____

Game 3 _____

Game 4 _____

Game 5 _____

Game 6 _____

Game 7 _____

Game 8 _____

Game 9 _____

Game 10 _____

Game 11 _____

Game 12 _____

Game 13 _____

Game 14 _____

Game 15 _____

Game 16 _____

Game 17 _____

Game 18 _____

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) _____

Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 18) _____

Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 9) _____

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

1. Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
2. One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
3. Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI, 49738.
4. Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
5. Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

Weekly Prizes

*Sports cap--Sheer Motors
*Mystery gift--Sylvester's
*\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
*\$10 gift certificate--Abel Auto Parts
*Lunch for 2 at Charlie's Country Corner - Fick & Sons
*\$1 off one lunch - Sawmill
*Free hat--McLean's Ace Hardware
*One free lunch, a \$6.95 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
*Free lube, oil and filter--Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
*\$50 from the Crawford County Avalanche

To be a weekly winner:

1. Write your prediction for game one on entry form.
2. Write the advertiser's name on entry form for game one. All the advertisers must be included.
3. Fill out rest of entry form this way including your three tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
4. Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
5. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

To win the overall prizes:

1. Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
2. You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
3. The person with the most points at the end of the football contest will win all the overall prizes.

Overall Prizes

*Free lube, oil & filter--Sheer Motors
*Mystery gift--Sylvester's
*\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
*Free lube, oil & filter--Don Nester
*\$50 off any purchase--Abel Auto Parts
*\$50 gift certificate--Comfort Center
*Sunday brunch for two and swim room, a \$50 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
*Power Driver - DuBois Lumber Co.
*\$100 and one year free subscription--Crawford County Avalanche

9. Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Jets

(Bonus game worth 2 points)



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EVENING APPOINTMENTS BY REQUEST

10. Arizona vs. New Orleans

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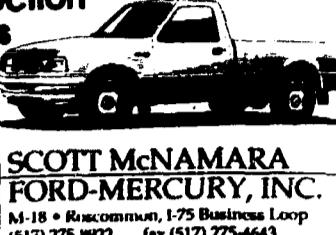
18. Will Barry Sanders get his 13th consecutive 100-yard rushing game?

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17. New Haven vs. N. Colorado

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16. Delaware vs. McNeese St.

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12. Kansas City vs. San Diego

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11. Green Bay vs. Carolina

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For The Week Of December 7-13

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Now is the time to be tactful and diplomatic. You may be challenged but hold your position and make sure to get your point across to those in authority. Take time to visualize what you really want and then make plans to get it. A friend or partner really wants to spend some quality time with you.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Others may make a quick change of plans but being aware of the possibility makes you adaptable—You'll bend instead of breaking. You may be expecting too much from a loved one so make sure your expectations are in line with reality. Take time for a special treat.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Don't be overly determined to have your own way. Compromise makes you feel better and gets better results. Friends and family seek your advice. Stick to the facts and work to keep your opinions in check. Low-key approach helps keep everything in perspective.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Creativity and domestic arrangements are in the spotlight. You're able to create opportunities for yourself and others. Analyze your options carefully. What appears the best now may cause problems in the future. Romance is in the air but you may have to make the first move.

LEO

July 23-August 23

Now is the perfect time to take stock of your personal and professional interests. A series of events could force you to see things as they really are. You feel overwhelmed and underappreciated. Recognize this and realize that now is the time to be nice to yourself. Splurge a little.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Take the direct approach to solving problems. Your energy level is high and you feel in control. Others look to you to take charge and show the way. Ask questions and really listen to the answers. You get support from an unexpected source. Be sure to spend time with friends and family.

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LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Don't let people take advantage of you. Speak up and demand what is rightfully yours. Keep your cool and try not to be too emotional. A decision needs to be made and you're the one to make it. The result may not please everyone but you'll feel better. Keep an eye on budgets and finances.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Your frustration increases as it seems others are working to keep you from achieving your goals. Step back and regroup. Trying to enlist others and see things from their perspective keeps things peaceful. Study the fine print before making a major purchase.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Finances take on major importance. Be conservative and make sure you're getting value and quality. Now is a good time to focus on what is really important. Others want to help but are unsure how to approach you. Talk things over and be receptive.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Work to keep your life in balance. Now may not be the time to make any major decisions or take radical action. This means caution is the key. Move slowly for the best results. A long-distance communication lifts your spirits. Friends and family rally to your side to lend encouragement.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

A change may be on the horizon. Get advice from people you respect before jumping into things. The future appears bright but remember that dark clouds could be there, too. Keeping your sense of humor helps you handle anything. Partner offers a small gift or luxury to help cheer you up.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

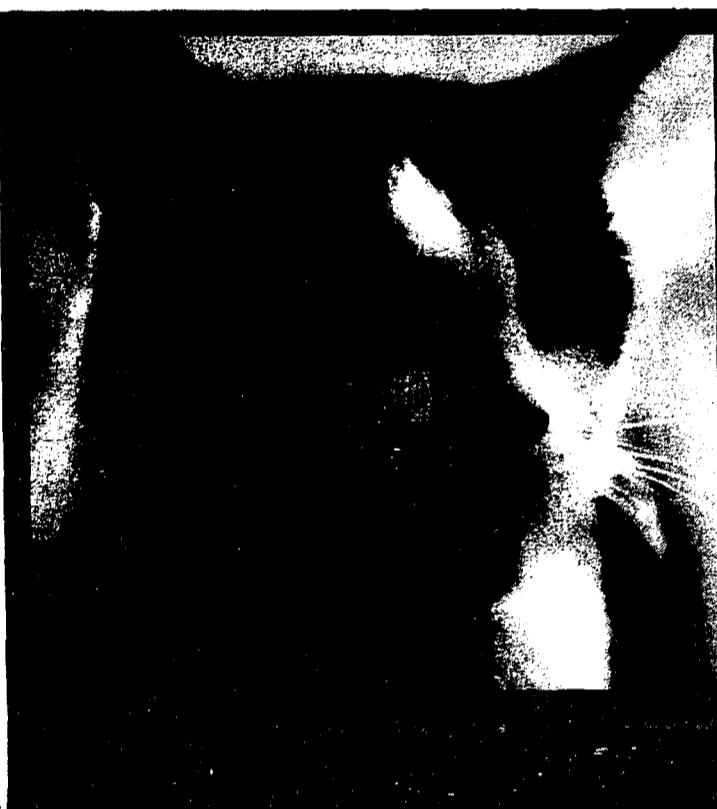
Roadblocks force you to be flexible. Be willing to move in a new direction. Seeing a situation from another point of view gives you a more balanced picture of what's really happening. Take your time and make the right decision. Others are prepared by your insight.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

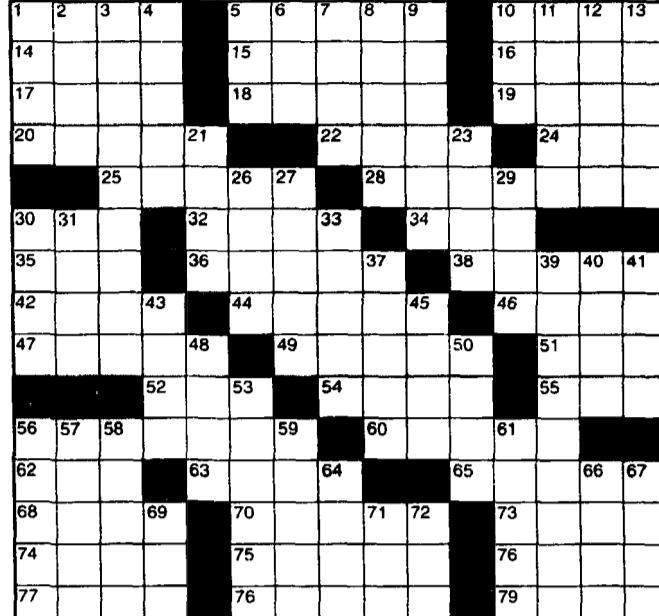
Cranberry Walnut Bread

2 1/4 C. sifted all-purpose flour
3/4 C. sugar
1 T. baking powder
1/2 t. baking soda
1/8 t. salt
1/2 C. low-fat milk or buttermilk
1 packet Butter Buds Mix, liquefied
1 large egg
1 t. grated orange rind
1 C. chopped fresh or frozen (unthawed) cranberries
1/4 C. chopped walnuts

Per serving: 110 calories; 3g protein; 22g carbohydrate; 1g fat, 10mg cholesterol, 80mg sodium. Diabetic exchanges: one starch/bread exchange, 1/2 fruit exchange.



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1. Go wild
5. Verboten
10. Carte
14. Got it! (2 wds.)
15. Vote to accept
16. Hal Holbrook on "Evening Shade"
17. The _____ Patrol (1938 film)
18. Terrace At Le Havre painter
19. Leah's son
20. Delight in
22. Son of Judah
24. Clear, as profit
25. Dehisce
28. With speed
30. Ben
32. Robbery proceeds
34. Foreman's deafeater in '74
35. Sibilant letter
36. Sadies
38. Jostle
42. Stink to high heaven
44. Gross receipts
46. Fabricated
47. Laundry machine
49. Agenda
51. Asian coin
52. Mauna _____
54. Abundance
55. Put money (on)
56. Kind of hand
60. Garbo or Borg

62. Wind dir.
63. "The check is in the mail," et al.
65. Kind of tire
68. Father of Seth
70. Intended
73. Garage sign
74. "When I'm 64" grandchild
75. One-time SAG president
76. Blood vessel
77. Author O'Brien
78. Like Betty Grable or Gwen Verdon
79. Genesis setting

23. Blue or White river
26. Pea coverings
27. Roman robes
29. Work on the set
30. Bovine bunch
31. Computer operator
33. Rata
37. Water mammals
39. Had a cookout
40. Garfield's pal
41. Moved on
43. Seaweed ash
45. Hearty dish
48. Disturb
50. Wide-mouthed pitcher

53. _____ House
56. Lift with effort
57. Over
58. Become aware of
59. Anserine creatures
61. Dig
64. Warbled
66. Rose's beloved
67. Actor Sean
69. Goat's sound
71. Not pos.
72. Give it a whirl

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

December 12, 1974

Major General Clarence C. Schnipke, The Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard and Director of the Department of Military Affairs, was honored at a retirement dinner held in Lansing on Thursday, December 5th.

Grayling Lodge #356 F&AM will install officers for 1975 on Dec. 14th. Officers to be installed are: Arnold Stancil, worshipful master; Donald Jensen, senior warden; Rex McMillen, junior warden; James Hough, P.M., treasurer; Charles C. Knowles, P.M., secretary; Donald Sorenson, P.M., chaplain; Harold T. Kauffman, senior deacon; George Ritter, junior deacon; Marvel Zimmerman, P.M., marshal; Charles F. Fick, P.M., tiler; Elmer Fenton, Ralph Sanders, Russel Hubbard, Charles R. Ryan, stewards.

The Frederic Hobby Club met at the Sportsman's Club on December 5th, with Mrs. Becky Baynham as hostess. There were twelve members and one guest present. We will meet at the Sportsman's Club on Dec. 19 to pack the Christmas boxes and plates. Bring two dozen cookies. The door prize was won by Mrs. Willow Gabriel.

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig spent from Thursday to Saturday in Detroit where he attended the Annual Symposium on Trauma, put on by the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. and Mrs. Tomlin C. Rosi have purchased the Charles Batway home on the main stream of the AuSable River and have moved in.

March of Dimes poster child tastes all aspects of life, and touching is one of the main ways it is accomplished. Jamie Weaver was born without eyes and she learns about the world around her through her other senses (touch, smell, taste and sound).

46 YEARS AGO

December 13, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rutkowski announce the arrival of a son, David Alan, at Mercy Hospital on Friday,

Dec. 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Stanely Rutkowski of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. Al Cariveau of Alhambra, Calif., are the happy grandparents.

A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Millikin on Dec. 4th. The little lady weighed 7 lbs.

10 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Millikin of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Failing of Gaylord are the baby's grandparents.

Mrs. B. Elmore Henig and little

daughter are spending a few days in Lansing visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lourene Denewett of Bloomington, Ind., announce the arrival of Gary Allen born Nov. 26th.

Gary tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 7 ozs.

Henry Denewett of this city and Mr.

and Mrs. Tom Mitchner of Bloomington are the happy

grandparents.

Miss Joan Bond arrived home Saturday from Michigan State College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond.

Miss Sue Giegling arrived home from Michigan State College Tuesday December 8th, a daughter.

Jas. W. Sorenson returned from 10 months absences in the west, last week, looking hale and hearty.

J.L. Hannes and wife went to Grand Rapids last Monday as a delegate to the State Grange.

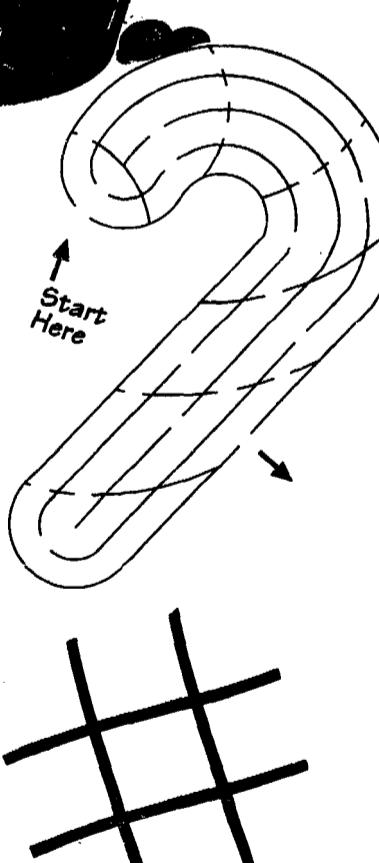
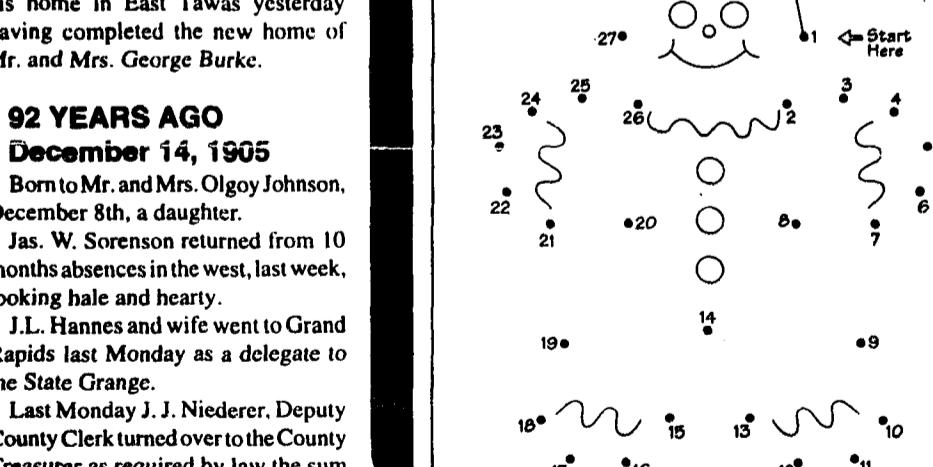
Last Monday J. J. Niederer, Deputy County Clerk turned over to the County Treasurer as required by law the sum of \$233.75 for hunter's licenses.

Comrades Carl Johnson and W. S. Chalker were down from Maple Forest last Saturday and remained for the G.A.R. meeting.

Irene Graves, Antoinette VanWormer, Gertrude Sachs and Louise Peterson are visiting their former schoolmate, Clara Sorenson of Grayling-Lewiston Journal.

"Old Peoples Social Club" was organized at a meeting held at the J.C. Failing home Thursday evening, Dec. 7th. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. Peter Failing; Vice-President, George Brott; Secretary, Mrs. Henry Moon; Treasurer Mrs. N. Stewart.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip
12/3	31	26	
12/4	31	28	0.22
12/5	34	21	0.02
12/6	31	21	0.04
12/7	34	16	0.01
12/8	34	16	
12/9	37	19	

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AUENABLE RIVER SOUTH BRANCH Park-like setting with decking overlooking river and large front yard. 1,116 sq. ft., well-maintained cottage with bow window, 1 1/2 car garage, appliances and contents negotiable. NEW OFFERING. \$94,900. CH-633



TALKING HOUSE

THE LOCATION WAS TOO SPECIAL TO BUILD THE ORDINARY This 1 1/2-story offers 1,700 sq. ft. with an open floor plan dramatizing the vaulted interior. The living and dining area offer direct access onto the deck overlooking the emerald AuSable River. Fieldstone corner accents natural gas heating furnace, cathedral ceilings, tongue & groove cedar. Tastefully decorated and ready to move into. A home that is accustomed to the best! Demand location makes "fast" action a must. Act fast! Call NOW! \$146,500. CS-656



LAKE MARGRETHE 50' sandy beach frontage, full-log, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, enclosed porch, patio, hardwood floors, fieldstone fireplace, complete with dock, furniture, appliances, rustic knotty pine interior. Reduced to \$99,500. CH-251



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AUENABLE MAINSTREAM Vacant lot, 200 ft. river frontage, above McMasters Bridge. Ideal building site. Private access, telephone and electricity. Hal broker. 348-5965. 4-11-18-24/1

ONE STORY RANCH w/two bedrooms on two lots for sale by the Crawford County Housing Commission. House is located at 6858 Genesse Street, Frederic. Contact Housing Commission office for details at 348-3513 or 203 Huron Street, Grayling. 4-11-18/1

1992 FAIRMONT-DIPLOMAT 4706, 14x70, w/two bedrooms on 4 1/2 acres for sale by the Crawford County Housing Commission. Located at 1914 M-72 East, Grayling. Contact Housing commission office for details at 348-3513 or 203 Huron Street, Grayling. 4-11-18/1

AUENABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet. Fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage. Furnished. Beautiful setting on 10-acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. 10-16-97f/1

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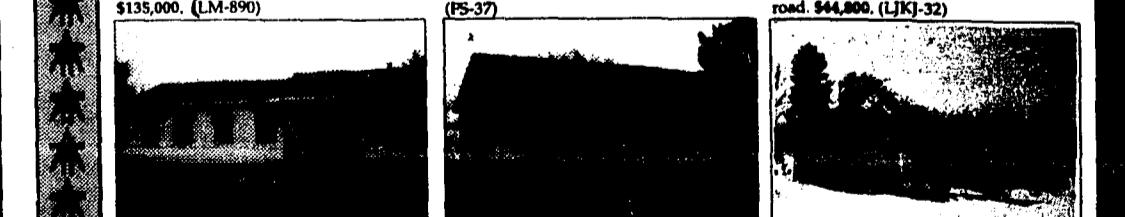
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Heavy traffic area, Business Loop in Grayling. 90x120 lot with a 32x40 building. Suitable for a variety of business ventures. Blacktop parking lot. Reduced to \$135,000. (LM-890)



KAREN WOODS is the location of this lovely three-bedroom home. Covered patio, two-car garage. Beautiful custom stone fireplace, includes appliances. Large corner lot with nice trees. \$59,900. (PS-37)



NEW HOME on 2 1/2 acres, located off M-72 East. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Includes stove and refrigerator. Near state land, snowmobile trails and the AuSable River. \$63,900. (FS-44)



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1. Real Estate

PRICE REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. 11/13/97tf/1

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Three bedroom, one bath, attached garage. All building sites, paved road, high appliances included. Farm Home ground, big trees and abundant Assumable. \$74,000. Call 348-5679. 4-11-18-24/1

1. Real Estate

USABLE FOUR ACRES, two building sites, paved road, high wildlife. Terms. Hal, broker. 517-348-5965. 4-11-18-24/1

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 1,250 sq. ft., three bedroom, attached garage. 123'x165' lot, Karen Woods subdivision. 6174 Libby. \$72,500. 348-4804. 1-18-24-1/1

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Thursday, December 11, 1997

2. For Rent

FOR LEASE river front home, two bedroom, one bath, utility, combined kitchen and living room. enclosed porch, storage shed. \$400. First and last month's plus \$400 security deposit and utilities references. 348-8466. 11/13/97tf/1

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS located at 306 Knight Street in Grayling is accepting applications for vacancies. Barrier free units and rent based on income. Applications available on site or call 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. 4-11-2

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS located at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger streets in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units available for immediate occupancy to qualified applicants. Rent based on income with limited rent subsidy. Barrier free apartments in complex. Applications available at office on site or call 275-4061 or 800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. 4-11-2

CABIN FOR RENT: on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. 9/9/97tf/2

3. Employment

CAREER OPPORTUNITY Spicer's Boat City is looking for a "Customer-Friendly" person for a clerical position within our service department. Professional, fast paced, non-smoking, quality driven work environment. Weekends required. Excellent benefit package. If you enjoy working with the public and possess clerical, computer, telephone and organizational skills, you may qualify for this position. Contact Tom Prater, Spicer's Boat City, (517)366-8384. Closed Wednesdays. 4-11/3

ENGINEERING SECRETARY Air Way Automation, has a full or part-time position available in our Engineering Department. Responsibilities: general office duties including preparation of machine manuals. Please send letter, including qualifications, resume and salary expectations to Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738. 4-11/3

FLOOR COVERING INSTALLERS NEEDED for vinyl, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile. Minimum five years experience, must have own van, tools, workmen's comp. Call 517-732-7728 or 517-732-2691. 10/9/97tf/3

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Janitor

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- 3. Family size appropriate for each apartment size

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Family of 2:	\$107 - \$555	Maximum income \$22,700
Family of 3:	\$125 - \$615	Maximum income \$25,550
Family of 4:	\$150 - \$674	Maximum income \$28,400

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BID REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Crawford County Commission on Aging invites proposals from qualified firms to bid on performing accounting services; general ledger; monthly financial statements and various reports.

Bids must be received by Dec. 15, 1997.

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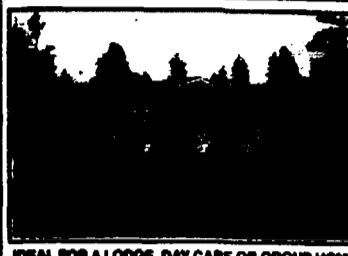


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RNS/LPNS Munson Home Health - Private Services needs staff in the Lake City area. Ventilator trained preferred not necessary. Call (800) 968-2011 and ask for Eileen or Jewel.
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DOCTOR'S OFFICE seeking full time office assistant. Seeking a caring individual with high organizational skills. Send resume to P.O. Box 416, Grayling, MI 49738.
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FOR SALE Empire wall furnace, 55,000 BTU Nat'l gas, electronic ignition, two years old. Paid \$1,200 new, asking \$650. 348-1856.
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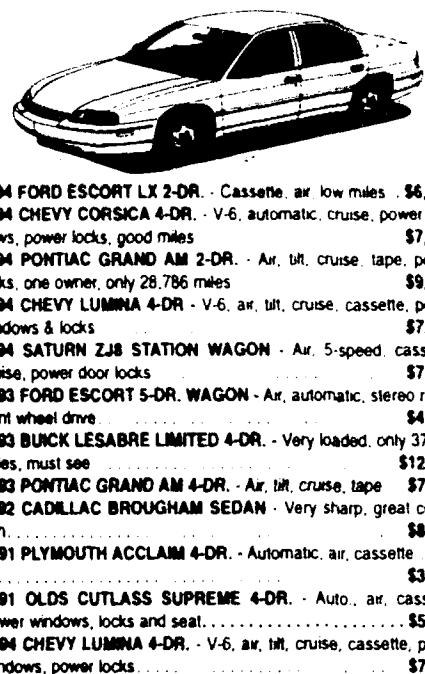
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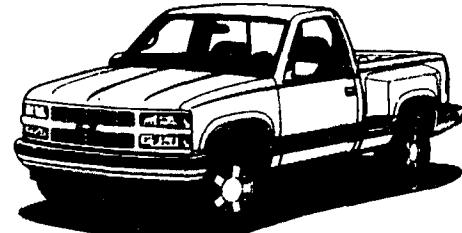
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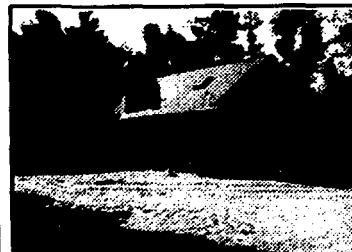
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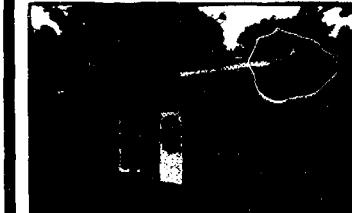
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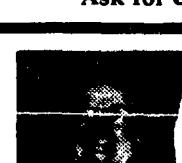
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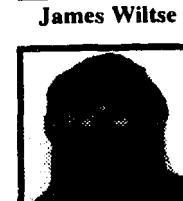
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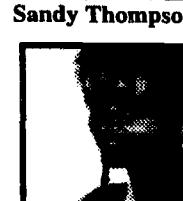
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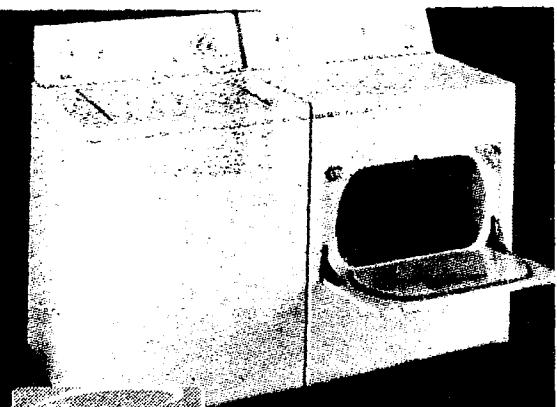
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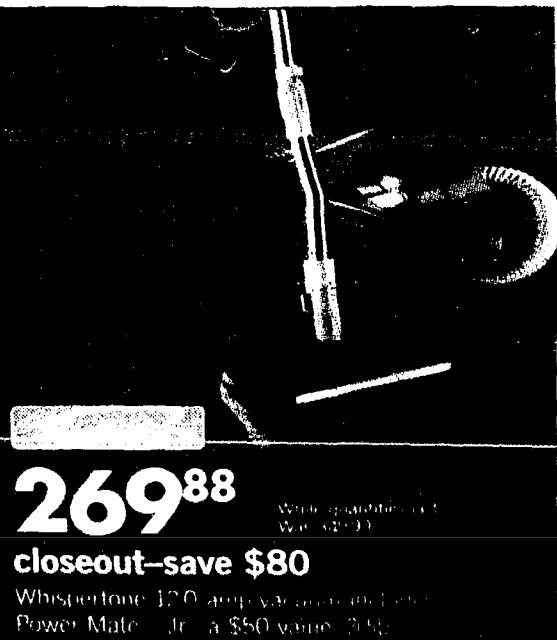
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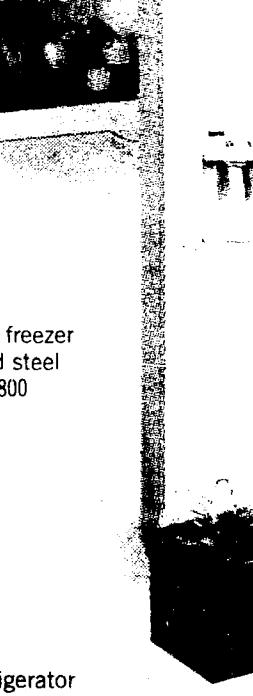
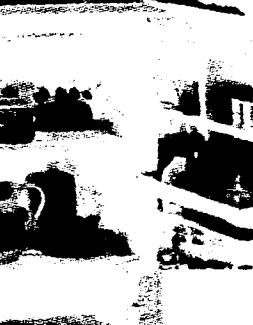
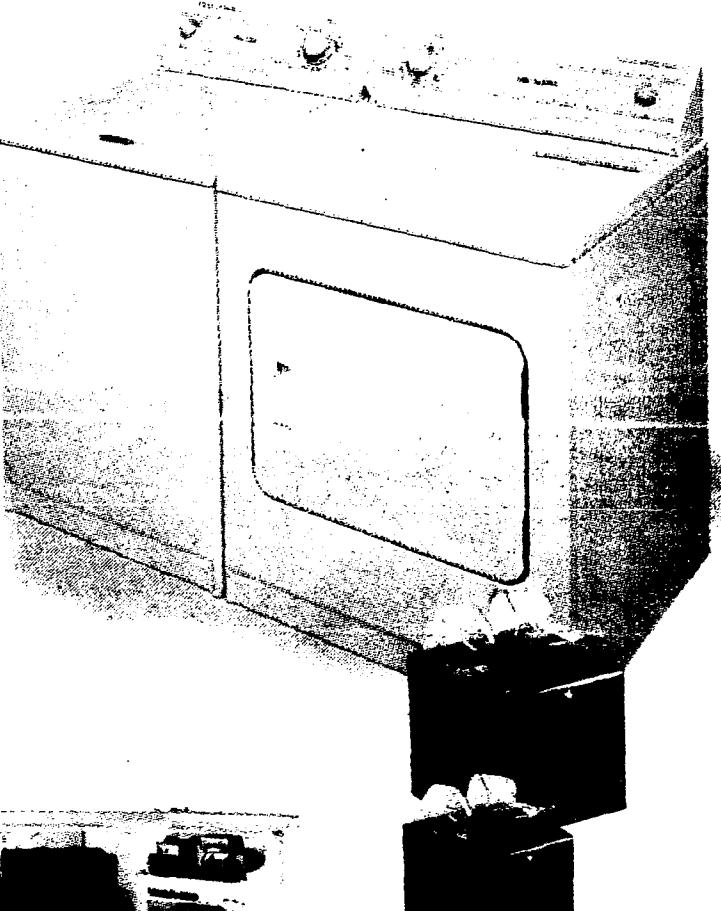
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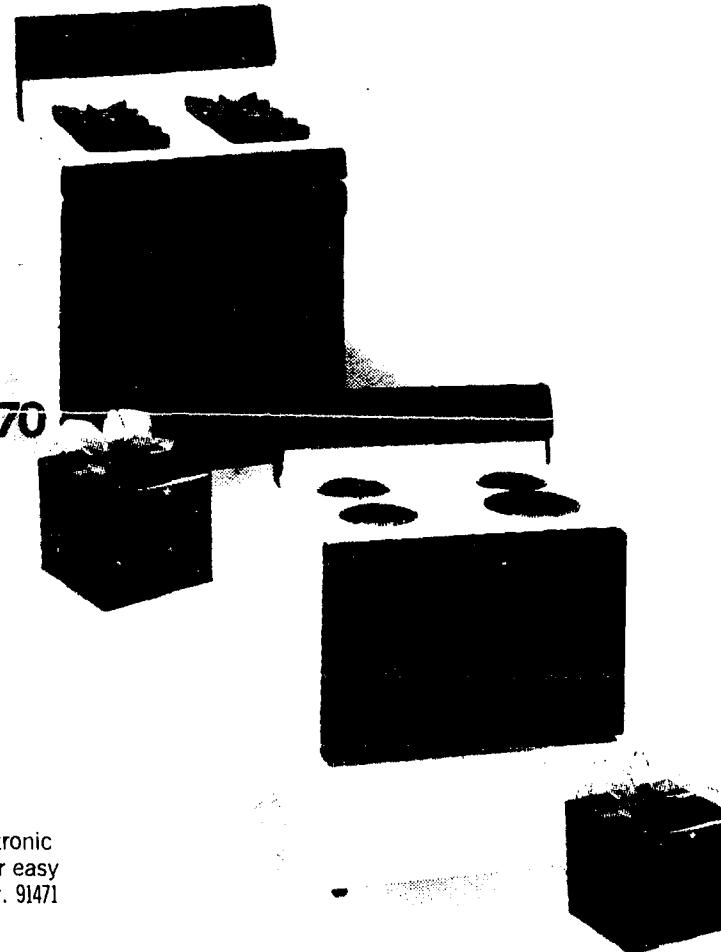
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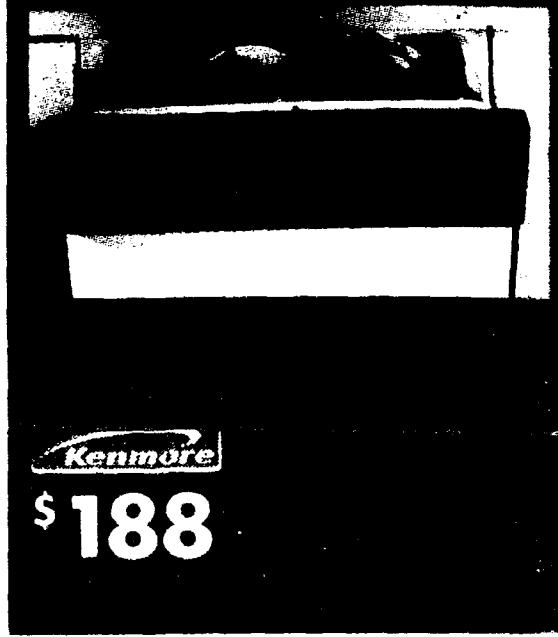
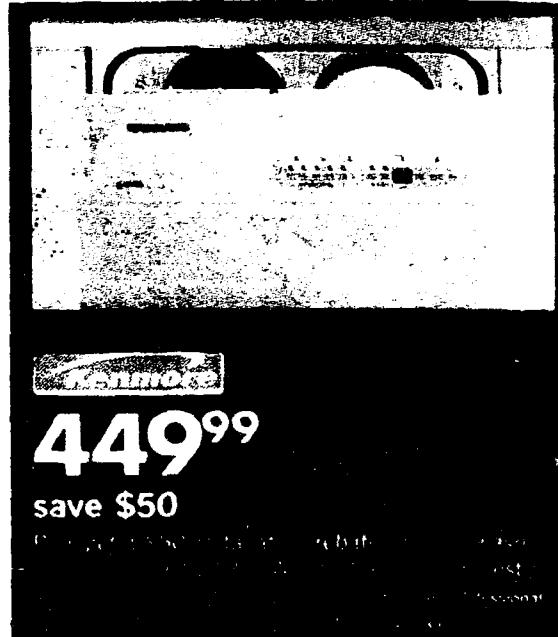
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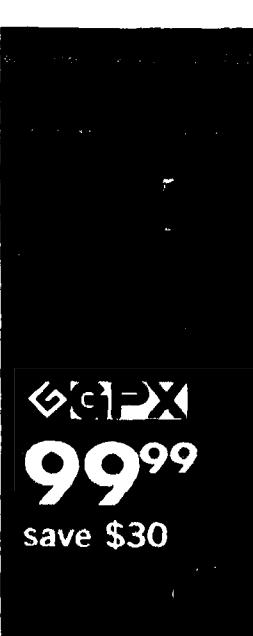
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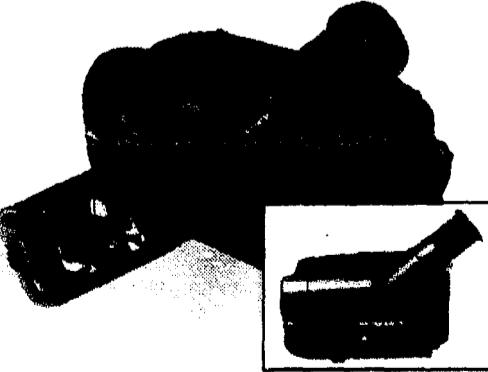
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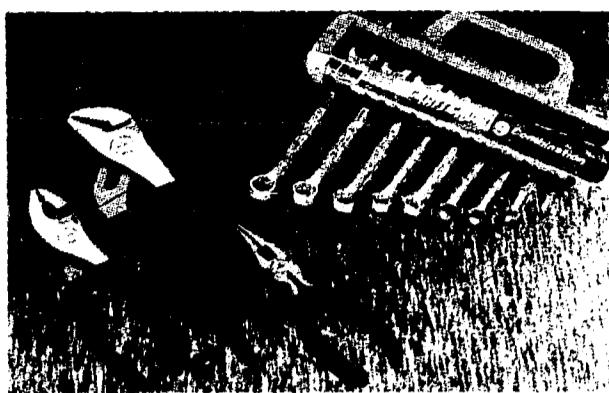
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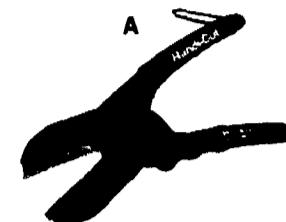
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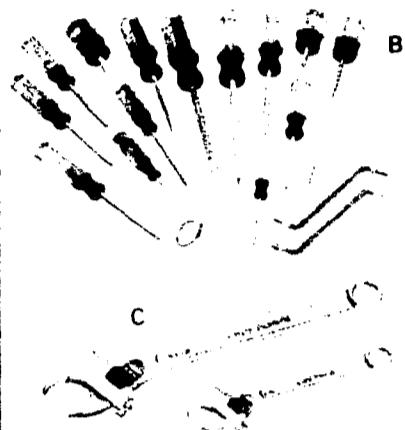


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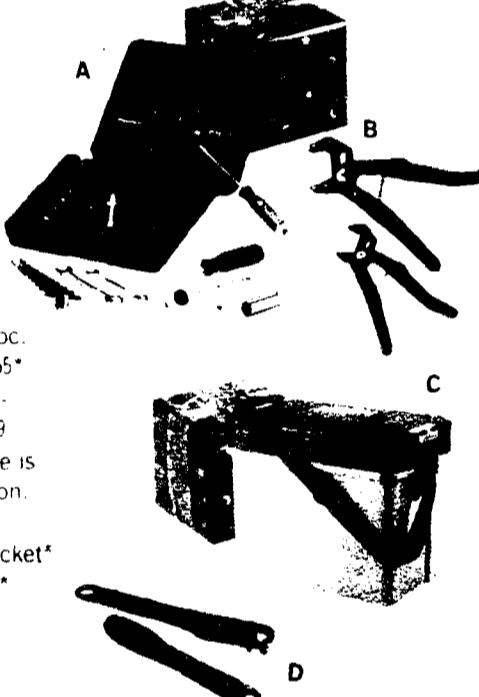


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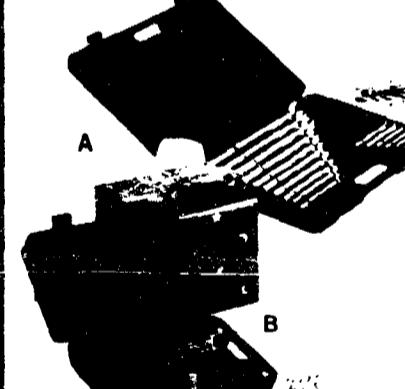


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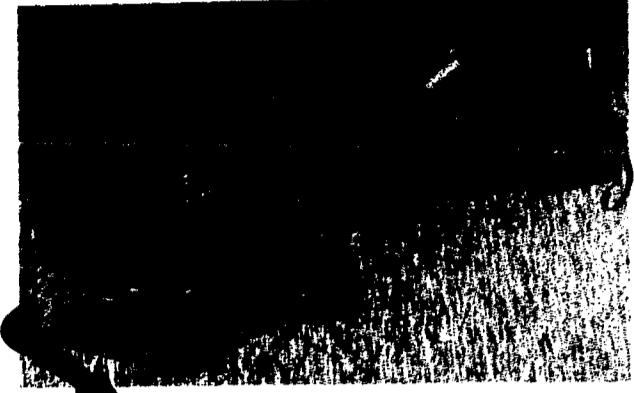
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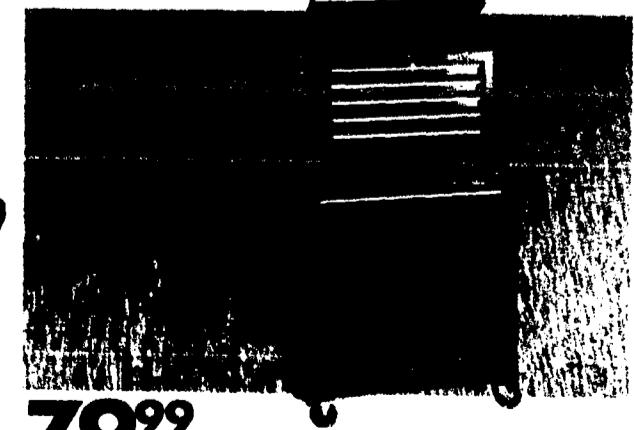


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